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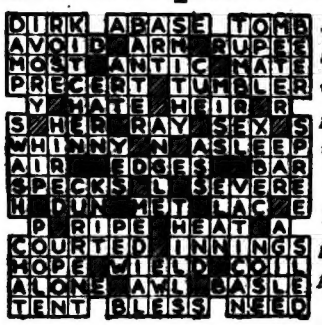

Solution to the Crossword Puzzle published in our last issue

This week's puzzle is on page 34.

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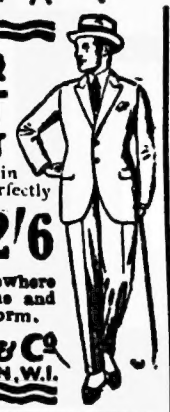

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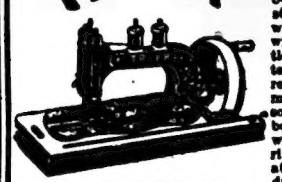

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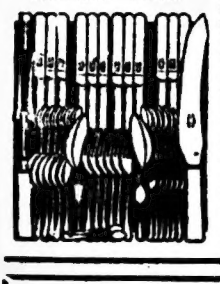

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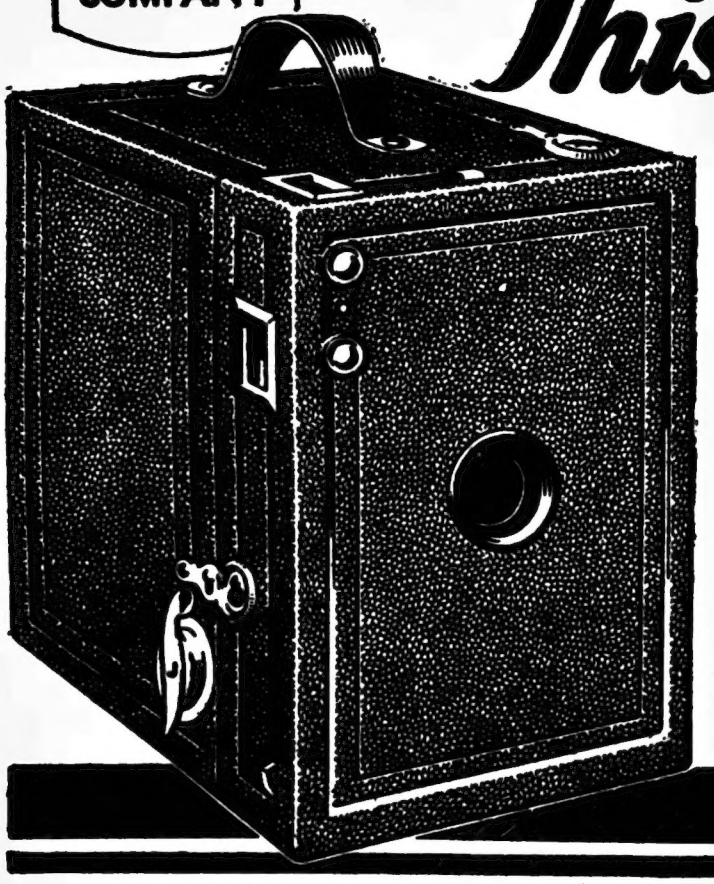

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The WORLD, *the* FLESH *& the* DEVIL

A Costly Lesson.

The short "emergency" session showed a changed and wholesome spirit. The absurdity was dropped of treating the coal crisis as a mere trade dispute to be left to "Jix" and Fox. Pity that to teach our rulers this has cost the nation over £200,000,000 in lost business and an incalculable amount of bitterness and downright misery.

Is It Business?

The Government statement was unexpectedly "statesmanlike." Had Ministers shown the same spirit in May, the pits might have been working all the summer. Unhappily, the miners have learned to distrust Government and coalowners alike, with tragic results.

Tired of Play.

Business men back from the holidays have been disgusted to find the coal stoppage still clogging trade and enterprise. Lots of people besides trade unionists are now anxious to make some money. Trades other than iron and steel have so far carried on unexpectedly well. But now the screw is twisting.

Riches or Poverty?

Many firms have accumulated orders which they cannot execute without sufficient coal, iron and steel at normal prices. Strong interests have put this to Churchill plainly. To keep or lose these orders means the difference between a good winter and a bad winter.

Now's the Time!

All signs of public opinion and private pressure point to there being now another great chance to end the coal stoppage. If the miners' executive don't heed how the currents flow, they will again miss the tide.

Pit Craft.

Some of the miners' leaders remember how to handle a pick; others have forgotten. A man with a pick doesn't keep hammering on the same stone; he feels for a crevice. In working the point of his mighty weapon Herbert Smith needed a more flexible wrist.

The True Essential.

Mr. MacDonald says the first essential to peace and prosperity is a national agreement. Even more essential is a spirit between the two opposing parties showing willingness to agree.

Constable and "Cook."

Mr. A. J. Cook's wild charges against the police, together with his absurd threats of reprisals when the next Labour Government takes power, are so much hot air. We await with keenness the promised pamphlet dealing with the incidents, though we rather think we shall have to wait a long while!

The Warning.

This year Mr. Churchill budgeted for an *increase* in revenue of £12,000,000. Up to now the *decrease* is £24,000,000. Every day of industrial stoppage makes the burden bigger.

Must Guardians Go?

Chester-le-Street follows West Ham in the Ministry of Health's black books. Those who prefer local funds administered by local guardians have their remedy. They must take a more intelligent part when election time comes round.

The Short Way.

In Italy women who neglect to vote in municipal elections stand to lose their new-found privilege. It wouldn't be a bad idea to apply it to every voter in this country. At present only 40 per cent. trouble to go to the polls in municipal elections.

Pinching Shoes.

Local elections too often resolve into pitched battles between extremes. The times call for men and women of level heads who can steer a middle course. Disgust mustn't send such into the "silent squad." They're badly needed.

They're All Too Dear.

Builders grumble that the supply of small, new middle-class houses exceeds the demand. Because they won't sell, houses at Bromley, Kent, are to let: and the rents vary from 30s. to 55s. weekly!

A Wigan Wangle.

A prosecution by the Corporation Health Department at Wigan led to the revelation that 90 per cent. of the tomatoes sold as "Best English" were imported. Fraud pays too well to be checked by fines. A smart term of imprisonment for offenders might effect a cure.

In the Right Direction.

In future all imported bacon must bear a label stating the process of curing, the factory, and the locality and country in which it is situated. The Minister of Agriculture is to be congratulated on an order which must improve supplies.

Safety First.

We think, also, that the Ministry is wise in declining to lift the ban on the importation of fresh meat. During the last seven years we have spent £5,000,000 on stamping out outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease, most of which were caused by infected foreign carcases.

£2,000 'BULLETS' FIRST PRIZE

Hurry Up! Last week of this huge offer. Enter now. See page 35

Paying Twice.

According to the Agricultural Market Report, we shall have to import more wheat this year than last. Yet we possess vast tracts of uncultivated land, and over a million citizens are drawing the "dole." And we flatter ourselves that we are an intelligent people!

Gliding through the Air.

Britain's largest monoplane nears completion in a northern factory. Built to carry thirty passengers on non-stop flights of 500 miles, it marks another stage in air conquest. And that's the sort of conquest the world can do with.

"Economy."

On July 1 the number of persons in Government employment was 5,692 more than on April 1. Are all these really working? And if so, what at?

On with Your Job.

The August exodus is over. Workers are flocking back to town, but the end of holidays needn't synchronise with depression of spirits. If there's a job of work waiting for you, get on with it and don't grouse.

Better Luck Coming.

Keep the holiday spirit for dark days. Everybody's job, well done, counts. That's why we wish everybody *had* a job. When we're all in one mind about the importance of it they will have, and we shall forget the very word "unemployed."

Out-of-date.

Victims of the Naworth tragedy will not have died in vain if it leads to abolition of level-crossings. Real death-traps in these modern petrol-driven days, they should all be replaced by bridges.

Maimed, Dying and Dead.

Recorded road accidents last year were 115,473, of which 4,000 were fatal. Regulation alone won't end the menace. We must have better roads.

Ere Winter Comes.

On the hottest day in August (six weeks before Summer Time ends) it was announced that the Metropolitan Dairymen's Association was about to impose "winter prices." What a ramp!

A Contrast.

A telegram can be transmitted privately from London to South America in under a quarter of an hour, while one sent to us a day or two ago from the other side of London took an hour and a half to reach us. Why?

British and Best.

So pronounced is the superiority of British photographic lenses, that in self-defence the German manufacturers have decided to form themselves into a trust and to concentrate on mass production. In the Hollywood studios we hold undisputed pride of place. Bravo!

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Ireland's Lead.

The Irish Free State proposes to make it compulsory for all motorists to hold a medical certificate of fitness. Cyclists are to be forced to carry rear lights. If such safeguards are deemed necessary over there, they must at least be doubly so in our more densely populated land.

To This We Must Come !

Mr. J. G. Bradley, president of the West Virginia Coal Association, says that England will have to come to the American ideal of high wages as a means of securing efficiency. Now that a Yankee has said what we have been preaching for years, perhaps somebody will sit up and take notice.

A Friend in Need.

A fifteen-year-old Grimsby girl stole a dressing-case and ran away from her situation, and while stranded in London, weary and hungry, she was found by a Church Army officer, who ministered to her needs. But for him she might have been irretrievably ruined. All honour to the Church Army for its splendid work !

Signal Service.

William Webb, thirteen, fell 60 ft. from Smithfield Bridge on to the railway lines below. The signalman gave the danger signal to the oncoming train, dashed out, and rescued the boy, who later was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. We congratulate the official on his presence of mind and heroism. The value of a life saved is beyond computation.

Barking Babies.

The other day 250 babies from Barking, with their mothers, enjoyed a free trip to Southend. The outing was organised by the Maternity and Child Welfare authorities, who believe that sunshine and fresh air can undo the foul work of the slums. It is a shame that for thousands of British children these healing gifts of nature should be no more than an occasional treat.

Speed Up the Bill.

The need for cheaper electricity was never better illustrated than on the new Woolwich Borough Council housing estate at Eltham. Beautifully equipped with electrical devices, tenants are forced to resort to oil cooking because of the cost. With electricity it takes twenty minutes to boil a kettle at a cost of 3½d. This is more than an annoyance for people of moderate means—it's a tragedy.

Cookshop Germs.

We wish all success to the medical officers of health who are trying to awaken the Minister of Health out of his torpor as to the lack of legislation to safeguard the health of people who buy cooked food, or eat, in restaurants and eating-houses. Medical officers must have power to stop persons who supply contaminated food from carrying on a business that is a menace to public health. Shut up dirty food shops !

Weeding Out Woking.

Woking seems unlucky in that it is plagued by more than one immoral pest. A short while ago an offender was sentenced to six months for improper conduct, and now James Gunner, a married gardener, has been sent to jail for a like misdemeanour. An Addlestone girl was responsible for the arrest of this unclean creature, and she has deserved well of every woman and child in the neighbourhood.

The Prompt Postmaster.

Mr. Horley, postmaster of Loughton, does not let the grass grow under the postage stamps he sells, for his is a ready hand in an emergency. A fire broke out in a shop-store and inflammable goods began to roar, but Mr. Horley used first an extinguisher and then biscuit tins as water-buckets and, with the aid of the police, the inferno was got under control. We like to know of public servants who do public service.

Tragic Evidence.

At the Willesden Police Court the other day three girls employed by the Milk Trade Supplies Company, Ltd., of Park Royal, held up maimed hands for the inspection of the magistrates. For their failure to notify these accidents to the proper authorities the company was fined £20. A wholesome reminder that laws for the protection of workpeople are made to be kept.

Cheating the Insured.

The Grand President of the United Oddfellows, Mr. Frederick Martin, did not mince his words when referring in his presidential address at Huddersfield to the Government's health insurance policy. "A cynical disregard of the elementary principles of honesty" is Mr. Martin's verdict. Facts within our knowledge compel us to admit that the words are not a shade too strong.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

The London General Omnibus Company will not accept men under the age of twenty-six as drivers, on the grounds that they lack the necessary sense of responsibility. Though we agree that it is better to err, if at all, on the right side, we cannot help wondering what would have happened to the world if this had been the view of the authorities in 1914 and onwards. Even the L.G.O.C., we seem to remember, were not quite so particular during the strike.

Gilbertian Bumbledom.

The latest from Bristol. A woman guardian met with an accident in the street, and was removed to the poor law institution while unconscious. During the whole of her stay she paid three guineas a week, the maximum charge. Now, on the grounds that she has received poor law relief, she has been disqualified as a guardian. Could absurdity further go ? By comparison, to call the law an ass is an insult to a very sagacious animal.

The Human Machine

Pegging Away!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

I FORGET who the wise man was who said that the two ingredients of success were Inspiration and Perspiration.

Whoever he was, he summed the matter up very neatly, even though he did omit to say that the latter ingredient was the more important of the two.

For no abilities however brilliant, no inspiration however lofty, can command success without intense labour and persevering application.

During the great Civil War in America an intimate personal friend said to Abraham Lincoln : "Mr. President, do you really expect to end this war during your administration ?"

"Can't say, sir ; can't say," replied the President. "But, Mr. Lincoln, what do you mean to do ?"

"Peg away, sir ; peg away ; keep pegging away !" And "pegging away" did it.

About the making of the most spectacular thing there is rarely anything spectacular. The finest building in the world was raised painfully stone by stone, beam by beam.

TRUE, it owed its first origin to "inspiration," but it was "perspiration" that did the job. Somebody had to "keep pegging away."

Remember this when you see—and envy—a spectacular success. Remember that the successful man raised his edifice brick by brick. He kept pegging away.

Peg away, sir ; peg away ! No one who kept at it failed to get somewhere in the end.

Getting a Move On.

Women engineers, hailing from all points of the kingdom, will meet in Leeds in conference. We hope while there they'll tackle the problem of working-class housing. Engineering employers have in many instances accepted invitations to listen to what the women have to say. We want women's views on building for domestic purposes. That's the chief need of to-day and nobody should know better than women how to meet it.

Shameful Snobbery.

Hampshire County Education Authority refuses to admit to its new County Council school little children from the guardians' cottage homes on the ground of "no accommodation." We heartily commend the guardians for their determination to fight the disgusting decision. Scattered homes were instituted to take the taint of pauperism from the innocent youngsters. Voters must see to it that the stigma is not put back again by publicly elected snobbery.

The Risks They Run.

Whatever the call to fire-fighting involves, there must be no hesitation on the part of the fire brigades, as the men from Brentford, Hanwell and Chiswick know well. At the fire in the laboratories and testing-sheds of United Water Softeners, Ltd., Brentford, death-dealing gases were generated, and only through the prompt commandeering of a passing milk-float were casualties prevented. Milk saved the firemen, but it didn't take one iota from their bravery.

A Terrible Scourge.

That thirty thousand people meet with untimely deaths each year in England and Wales as a consequence of rheumatism is the computation of Dr. A. P. Thomson, special schools medical officer of Birmingham. It is among the working people and the mothers that cardiac breakdown most often occurs. We agree with Dr. Thomson that money should be spent to prevent rheumatic heart disease. That children should fall sick with rheumatic trouble that might be prevented is national criminality.

"Those Who Will Not See !"

In 1913, in Greater London, the tramways carried a larger number of passengers than either the omnibuses or the railways. Last year the 'buses carried nearly a million and three-quarters against a million each by the railways and tramcars. Further proof as to the most popular means of transit is not necessary ; yet the authorities seize this moment to throw good money after bad by putting a number of luxury trams upon the roads. It would be well to remember, when the next municipal elections come round, that it is your money they are squandering.

The Man-Trap.

By the time these lines are in print we trust the person or persons responsible for the electrification of the wire fence round Messrs. Cory Brothers' colliery at Ogmore Vale will have been indicted on the charge of manslaughter. Brynmor Edward John, sixteen, went to the ground on a ratting expedition, and when chased by an official he stumbled against the fence and seized one of the wires. The shock killed the poor lad, who was not in normal health. Nothing can excuse the setting up of a man-trap to the public danger. Somebody must answer for the imbecility.

A Capital Cop.

There's a policeman on duty in Whitehall who could write a treatise on "How to catch and keep a maniacal motor thief." Having his suspicions aroused by the driver of a large car which failed to stop at his challenge, the officer, braving the peril of being run down, jumped on the offending vehicle and clung to the hood. As the madman gathered speed the officer seized him round the neck and finally managed to shut off the petrol. A terrific struggle followed and passers-by gave help. Finally both the stolen car and the maniacal driver were put into safe keeping. We'd like the full name of that officer. He is one who deserves recognition.

Safeguarding her Sex.

The thanks of the whole community are due to an unnamed lady who came forward to testify against John Moore. He molested her during a train journey from Coventry to Kenilworth. The fellow is a man of many convictions, and doubtless would have served more but for the natural hesitation of females to give evidence in such cases. That women are safe from this foul creature for at least three months to come is to the credit of this public-spirited prosecutrix.

The Law's "Back Rations."

When William Hardy was charged at Croydon with throwing a missile and breaking a policeman's nose, it was stated that the offence was committed seven years ago. Also, the man had been badly wounded, and was awarded the D.C.M. Six weeks' hard labour was the sentence, and the magistrates congratulated themselves on their leniency. All we can say is, heaven help the poor devil on whom they are severe. Considering his record, and the time that has elapsed since the incident, Hardy should have been bound over.

Betrayal of Trust.

Robert Winkell, an auxiliary postman employed at Blythe Road, Hammersmith, is another of those mean tricksters who use their official position for the purpose of swindling bookmakers. He pleaded guilty to obtaining £7 12s. 10d. by false pretences from White, Fisher and Co., of Glasgow, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour. We regard these cases as much more serious than ordinary offences, since they constitute also a betrayal of trust, and we contend that the penalty should be correspondingly severe.

Standing by their Child.

Once again Mr. A. J. Albutt, of Pritchett Street, Birmingham, has been sent to prison for refusing to disclose the whereabouts of his daughter, Violet, formerly an inmate of an institution for mental defectives. We drew attention to this painful case in July last, and urged the authorities to make a full enquiry into the circumstances. If the parents are at fault, it is clear that they are prompted solely by sheer devotion to their child, and the case is one for sympathy and understanding rather than persecution.

'Bus Drivers' Protest.

Lanark 'bus drivers have sent a petition to the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Ministry of Transport and all Members of Parliament for Scotland. Their plaint is that they are constantly being hauled up for exceeding the speed limit, though they insist that they are merely running to official time-tables which have been approved by the proper authorities. As they claim that a substantial part of their wages is taken from them in fines, it is to be hoped that their grievance will receive sympathetic investigation.

Did Somebody Blunder?

Dr. James Glover, a St. John's Wood physician, was fined £30 and ten guineas costs for being drunk while driving a motor-car. He pleaded he was suffering from insulin poisoning, and four independent medical men supported the defence. The conviction had a serious effect upon Dr. Glover's health, and he went to Spain to recuperate. There he died from diabetes. Even the safeguarding of the public is not the only consideration, and it is possible that the magistrate is now regretting that he did not give greater credence to the evidence of the experts.

More Correction Needed.

Henry E. Thompson, of Lovelace Gardens, Surbiton, travelling in a first-class carriage on the Southern Railway with a third-class ticket, took a dislike to the complexion of a fellow-traveller, and forthwith insulted the man's companion, calling her a "filthy woman for travelling with a dago." The facts were that the man was not a "dago" and the lady was his sister, but when the man protested, Mr. Thompson, the censor of complexions, kicked him. We protest that even a heavy fine of £17 is totally inadequate for such gross brutality. Mr. Thompson, the "company director," should have gone to prison.

Traps for Innocence.

Hundreds of answers to matrimonial advertisements were found in the possession of Roderick McNeil, who was sentenced at Glasgow to three months' imprisonment for an offence against a girl of fifteen. We are surprised that there are still journals that will accept these trap advertisements. The law should forbid the use of the Press as a medium in these matters.

The Bad Old Times.

The police will have to tackle the problem of cock-fighting seriously. Many soldiers stationed in France and Egypt were permitted by the military authorities to imbibe a passion for the "sport," in consequence of which there are now quite a number of secret mains about, especially in the mining districts. Cock-fighting must never be allowed to take firm root in England.

Tricky Traders.

We draw the attention of the authorities to the impudent manner in which the Merchandise Marks Act is being defied by unscrupulous foreign manufacturers. Besides obliterating or altering the stamped name of the country of origin, many exporters pack their goods in boxes bearing an English name, implying that the contents also are British. It should not be difficult to checkmate these unprincipled tricksters.

The Waif's Heritage.

We do not envy the thoughts of the father and mother of Roy Frinton, if they have a conscience, when they read that the baby left deserted with 1s. 2½d. on the beach at Frinton nine years ago has found better parents in the Poor Law than they made. Roy, now a bright, healthy boy, had a day's outing at Clacton and the guardians gave him his heritage—the whole 1s. 2½d., his own money—to spend. They had kept it for him with a touch of humanity that is good to find.

Rooking Mistresses.

Our lady readers would do well to beware of the gang of bogus servants who are reaping a rich harvest just now. By various means they learn the names of householders who are in need of domestic help, on whom they call, stating that they have been sent by an agency. They offer good references, and pending an enquiry into these, a request is made for the advance of the fare to take them back whence they came—generally some forty or fifty miles away. Alas! neither applicants nor references are genuine. We trust this warning will put an end to the swindle.

Eyesight Quack's Flit.

A Dalston reader obtained glasses from the "West London Optical Society," of Gordon Street, Islington, but as they were useless to her she was forced to return them. For a time she heard nothing, but after much pressure received a new pair of glasses which were no better than the first. With this second pair was sent a pencilled note, written on a bill-head. "Society" had been scratched out and "Compy." pencilled in. But this is not the only change. The quack concern has flitted from Gordon Street and its present whereabouts is unknown.

Official Sweating?

A father who felt that his fourteen-year-old daughter was being "sweated" sought the advice of the Ministry of Labour. In due course the Ministry uttered its official decision. "The minimum rate of wages fixed by the Dressmaking and Women's Light Clothing Board (England and Wales) . . . is 1½d. per hour or 6s. per week of 48 hours." As his daughter receives exactly 6s. and does not work more than forty-eight hours per week the father must content himself with the knowledge that she is not being paid at "less than the minimum wage."

51 CHEQUES OF £5 5s.
FOR REGISTERED READERS
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Problems of Life

The Best Friend

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

LORD DARLING and Lord Dewar are our two wittiest public men.

The former is credited with the observation that to laugh with a man helps you to like him, and that a necessary foundation for firm friendship is the ability to laugh at the same things.

Lord Darling

Lord Dewar is a master of ironic epigram, such as the following: "When a judge makes a mistake it becomes the law of the land; when a plumber makes a mistake he charges you double for it; when a doctor makes a mistake he buries it; when a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference."

Yet he himself is not a bad preacher.

He is reported to have said on one occasion: "If you want a companion to spend a pleasant evening with, choose a good talker. If you want a friend for life, choose one with whom you can be silent."

An excellent man of whom the public has never heard said in my hearing lately something even better than this on the same subject.

"As you get on in life," he confessed, "you find you require for the closest fellowship someone who has known and shared your past, with its ups and downs, sorrows and joys, good and ill."

I AM old enough to be able to confirm this experience, though the adage does not always hold good that

> "Old friends are better than new ones;
> Old faces are always the best."

New friends are often very true friends, and if one ceases to make new friends one is apt to grow lonely and become isolated with the passing of the years.

Also it must be admitted that old friends are not always the most intimate. You may know a person familiarly for the greater part of a lifetime without once wanting to lay bare your heart to him or make a request that might put a strain upon his good-will.

But assuredly the sweetest, richest, and strongest kind of association of one human being with another is that which is based on a long mutual memory of a past loyally and faithfully shared.

SEE how old comrades of many perils love to be together in the evening of their days.

See how a tragedy that long ago has scarred two lives will knit them together as uttered vows never could.

See how sometimes the recollection of struggles and privations endured in common has welded husband and wife into one.

See also how, if one or both have failed in the testing-time, they will grow apart as they grow older, as so many do.

There are few greater blessings than the comfort of an old and tried friend.

TURQUAND TELLS THE TALE

ADVENTURES IN HIGH SOCIETY

A Soda-Fountain Fizzle

A CONSIDERABLE number of people who have lost large sums of money have some bitter things to say at the moment about two individuals who have yet to explain their activities in an extremely unsatisfactory company promotion.

Their names are Frederick James Turquand and his wife, Gertrude Turquand, prime movers in a series of disastrous companies, the most noteworthy of which is Sandra Confectionery, Limited, previously known as the International Caterers and Confectioners, Limited.

The Turquands, who are not lacking in social connections, commenced operations in very high society, and succeeded in enlisting the support of Sir Arthur Hardinge and Lady Alexandra Hardinge.

Why the scheme failed

The scheme was an ambitious one, involving the carrying on of all branches of catering, but the manufacture of chocolates was to be its first step.

It had a quasi-charitable object—namely, the provision of work for the unemployed, particularly ex-Service men.

As so often happens, they had the support of the general Press, and pictures of the charming Mrs. Turquand were given considerable prominence.

A factory was opened at Brixton, with a head office at 13, Stratford Place. One of the most capable sales managers in the confectionery business was taken on the staff.

The money rolled in, the chief subscribers being business men, who saw possibilities in the scheme and a reasonable chance for a return on their investment.

The business, however, was being conducted in such a clearly irregular fashion that ultimate success was impossible.

An impressive display

Take the case of Mr. Harold Wright, of Barbadoes, West Indies, who is prominently connected with the sugar industry.

Mr. Wright was in London on a visit, when one day he received a telephone message from the Turquands, whom he had never met before, and who said that they had a business proposal to make which would interest him.

He visited the factory at Brixton and was so impressed by the display of chocolates, and also by the wonderful story told him by his hosts, that he had no hesitation in investing £1,000 of his own money and £2,000 of a West Indian friend.

He was also introduced to Lady Hardinge, who had interested herself in the concern.

Some time later Mr. Wright, being a business man, asked, as he had a perfect right to do, to see the books. He was not successful.

Then the sales-manager, who is now employed by a well-known West End firm, complained of their failure to provide him with samples of chocolates to show to many prominent firms whom he had tentatively approached, and with whom he could do business.

Since he never succeeded in getting the samples he required, he was unsuccessful in obtaining orders from any of the big firms in question, a disaster that embarrassed more people than the Turquands.

A member of a prominent firm of builders was induced to invest £1,000 on a letter stating that various other people had promised to subscribe a large amount providing the extra thousand was forthcoming.

The people said to have promised never paid up.

The change of name to Sandra Confectionery, Limited, with an increase of capital from £5,250 to

Mrs. Turquand

£10,250 did not make matters any better, and finally Mr. Wright, together with another investor, forced them into the Bankruptcy Court.

It is now three months since the Official Receiver had his examination, and we cannot understand why the shareholders are having to wait so long for the Turquands to explain.

Remarkable letters

The International Caterers and Confectioners, Limited, is not their first and only effort.

They have been "unsuccessful" in half a dozen companies to our knowledge, including Albion Rotary Engines, Limited, International Soda Fountains, Limited, and Sandra, Limited, a dressmaking and millinery concern.

Sir Arthur Hardinge became a director of the second concern and Lady Hardinge of the last named.

As an example of typical Turquand methods we cannot do better than call attention to two remarkable letters which appear in the files of the Albion Rotary Engines, Limited, and International Soda Fountains, Limited.

The Registrar at Somerset House pressed the former company for certain statutory particulars which had not been provided.

He was told that "the delay caused in forwarding the annual list of managing directors of the company was occasioned through the managing director and secretary (Mr. F. J. Turquand) being in hospital for the last six months, suffering from paralysis."

A tragic victim

In the Soda Fountain files, well within the six months' period, there is a note from Mr. Turquand himself, who was obviously quite able to attend to business, in spite of his paralysis.

"Referring to your enquiry," says Mr. Turquand, "as to whether the company is carrying on business, we beg to state that this has been dormant for some months, pending the revival of the soda fountain and ice-cream trade in the spring."

It was the soda fountains that were paralysed, and not Mr. Turquand!

One of the most pathetic of the victims of the Turquand ventures is an Irish gentleman. He had already lost £3,500 in a bad investment when he made the acquaintance of this well-matched pair.

They painted the future of the soda-fountain business in glowing colours. All that was wanted to have these cooling inventions spurting merrily, and at much profit to the promoters, all over England was capital.

They spoke of the many rich people who might be persuaded to invest in the company when once it was on its feet, and the Irishman at last decided to invest the last of his resources, a sum of £750.

He hoped thereby to recover part at least of what he had already lost. Bitter disappointment came in time.

The £750 went the way of the £3,500, and he was left almost destitute. He was taken seriously ill with pleurisy and his case was afterwards diagnosed as tuberculosis.

What would that money have meant to him? Formerly in comfortable circumstances, he is now well-nigh a pauper.

Mr. Turquand has contrived to evade an appearance in the Bankruptcy Court by means of doctors' certificates.

A natural question

In the confectionery business he avoided attending a meeting of the shareholders on the excuse that he had met with a taxi-cab accident.

The shareholders are now asking how long Mr. Turquand intends to be silent.

We have now his present address, and we would urge him to throw aside his reticence and give his shareholders the information they desire and to which they are entitled.

A Mother's "S.O.S."

Who Knows of a Job?

ALOIS FOSSLEITNER, the Austrian who was more commonly known at East Grinstead as "Mr. Louis," has returned to his native soil.

His brutal treatment of his English wife was exposed by JOHN BULL about three months ago, as a warning to British women of the miseries wrought by mixed marriages.

A capable, experienced Englishwoman, Mrs. Edith Fossleitner, who found temporary shelter at "The Cottage," St. Mary's Lane, East Grinstead, is in dire need of work to enable her to provide for herself and two little boys of seven and eleven years.

A wicked claim

The vicious alien husband who has deserted her made no secret of his real nature when he wrote to us a few days before he left the country. He actually described himself as one "who, at any rate, has not been imprisoned for any crime."

Yet Alois had just come out of prison after two months for failing to maintain his wife!

Knowing what we know about him, we were not surprised that he could see nothing criminal in leaving a woman and children to starve.

No doubt if poor Mrs. Fossleitner had helped herself to some of the money his associates say he could generally produce in plenty, he would have considered her a criminal.

While no tears are likely to be shed because Alois has departed, we are, indeed surprised that the authorities allowed him every facility to leave without first making some provision for the family he had already deserted.

Where the fault lies

Why, for instance, was this dangerous brute allowed to sell up the home and depart with the proceeds while his wife and children had become chargeable to the guardians?

He even denied his children their toys, which they have seen exhibited for sale in an establishment to which he sold them!

Being a registered alien, Fossleitner must have been required to produce his identification papers to the police before leaving the country.

Knowing the type of ruffian he is, they, no doubt, thought it a good plan to place no obstacle in the way of his voluntary departure; but before allowing him to leave we think some enquiry should have been made into his financial status, which he had always concealed so shrewdly.

Humanity demands a greater international understanding whereby a deserting husband shall be made to answer for the crime of leaving a woman and children to starve, no matter where he may seek refuge.

In many cases the fault lies with a weakness in the passport regulations and their observance.

CONSUMPTION HOMES SCANDAL

GRAVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE DIET

Board of Guardians' Action

A PLEASANT feature of the modern administration of our boards of guardians is the sympathy and kindness which is shown by many of these bodies towards the poor of their districts whose sufferings are increased by the fell hand of disease.

It has become a happy custom to make arrangements for these unfortunate people to be sent away from the smoke and grime of the city to some country home, where they may receive the benefits of fresh air and expert treatment.

We fear that, in at least one case, the boards of guardians have been sadly misled. We refer to the Southern Convalescent Homes at Lancing-on-Sea, Sussex, which specially cater for tubercular cases sent by London boards of guardians.

The homes consist of four different sections—Beechville, a home for men tubercular patients; Hope Lodge, for mothers with infants; the Chestnuts, for women with children, and Channel View, for men and women consumptives.

Short commons

If there is one thing which must be provided by such an institution, if it is to justify its existence, it is good food and plenty of it.

It is in this most vital respect that we have the gravest criticism to offer against the Southern Convalescent Homes. Far from being fed like fighting-cocks, the patients are put on what it is a kindness to term a spartan diet.

A representative of JOHN BULL who recently visited Lancing, and who enquired into the conditions of the homes, has a highly unsatisfactory report to make.

Consider this diet for a poor consumptive who required every possible ounce of nourishment if his emaciated frame is to be revived and strengthened.

The groaning boarders

For breakfast, there is one egg or bacon, with bread, butter and tea. Dinner, the chief meal of the day, has been known to consist of a miserable scrap of German sausage or salt meat with potatoes, and there is no second helping.

There is a bite of bread and butter at tea-time, and the patients are sent to bed with a supper of cocoa and tinned fruit. Milk, of which there should be an ample supply, is noticeable by the scarcity of the supply.

So hungry are these patients that every day in the town of Lancing there are pathetic little groups after mealtimes at the local shops, buying something or other to allay the pangs of hunger.

The little ones are no better served. A typical meal for dinner is two potatoes mashed in gravy.

We have hesitated before criticising the homes. People suffering from illness and disease have not always the cheeriest outlook on life, and may be inclined—and who can blame them?—to grumble just a little more than those who enjoy good health.

But there is too strong corroboration of our own investigation in an independent report from certain members of the Hackney Board of Guardians who paid a surprise visit to Lancing recently.

It had got to the ears of the board that all was not as it should be with the patients whom they had sent there, and three members of the hospital committee resolved to see for themselves.

One lady member found that stale and unappetising bread was being served, and that the diet was inadequate. So, too, did the other visitors.

In addition, they were not satisfied that the homes were in as spotless a condition as they should have been.

It is admitted that the charge for patients is not high, being 25s. for adults in three of the homes, and at the fourth, Channel View—where there is special treatment—35s.

Chorley's cant

On the other hand, the number of patients is great enough to permit of perfectly good feeding. And if those who control the homes cannot provide sufficient food for the money they ought to close their doors.

The gentleman in charge is Mr. Chorley, who is doubtless a perfectly well-meaning man. In his time he has been a Low Church preacher, and his insistence on certain religious observances is inclined to be somewhat oppressive to the patients.

There is a service in the morning and another in the evening, week-days and Sundays. There are prayers before and after meals, and all must attend, including Jews and Catholics.

Mrs. E. M. Jennings, of the Hackney Board of Guardians, who reported adversely against the Southern Convalescent Homes

We do not wish to enter upon any religious discussion, but we tell Mr. Chorley quite frankly that deeds are always better than words and that a heaped platter will do much more good to a poor consumptive than all the hymn-sniveiling in the world.

As a result of these recent investigations, we learn that the Hackney Board of Guardians has decided to withdraw its patients and has called the attention of the Ministry of Health to the necessity for providing suitable institutions where boards of guardians may send tubercular patients.

We congratulate the Hackney Board of Guardians on its decision and trust that the Ministry will act on its suggestion without delay.

A Robot Committee

Tortured by Technicalities

AFTER serving three and a half years in the Army, Harry Turvey was admitted with his wife and family to a council house, at 88, Upper Queen Street, Worthing. At that time he had two children, but since then two more have arrived.

Turvey is a bricklayer by trade, and his usual weekly wages are 65s. Wet weather, however, whittles that down very much, and as during last autumn and winter rain was very prevalent, inevitable arrears in rent was the consequence.

Turvey owed the Corporation £11 11s. 7d. and an ejectment order was made against him in December last. This was not to come into operation, however, if he continued to pay his weekly rent of 12s. 10d. and 4s. off the arrears regularly.

A cruel eviction

But one Saturday his employer was missing and failed to pay his wages for that week, which were £3 4s. 3d. Turvey has never recovered that money.

Just at that time his wife was ordered into hospital. Turvey had to meet this expense and also to find someone to look after the four little ones, who were all under eight years, while he toiled to make a livelihood.

The ejectment order was executed, however, and Turvey and his children were turned out into the street.

Could anything be stiller?

The relieving officer and the chairman of the board of guardians allowed Turvey to carry on with his work while his wife and four children were admitted to the workhouse.

This enabled the husband to earn a living, look for a new house or rooms, and regularly pay 25s. for the maintenance of his family.

But apparently this was not technically correct. Turvey ought to have given up his work and become a pauper in the workhouse.

Although confirming the sensible action of the chairman, the committee at a recent meeting, upon the motion of Councillor Mrs. Greenfield, resolved that Turvey must take his family out of the workhouse. If this means that Turvey must himself be forced to go into the workhouse, then there is no adjective strong enough to describe such an action.

A Doorstep Stockbroker

Who Is Captain Amos Rigby?

THE American stock and share-pushers, known as the white-collar bandits, who crossed the Atlantic to swindle the "green English," have gone home again.

Apparently, however, some native talent has stepped into the breach and is endeavouring to better the American example.

The other day a reader of JOHN BULL received a call from a gentleman who described himself as Captain Amos Rigby, of Rigby and Co., stockbrokers, of Bush House, London, W.C.

A fortune-making offer

He explained that he was calling on a number of people, who were shareholders in Courtaulds, Ltd., to give them an opportunity to invest in a syndicate that was being formed to exploit an improvement in artificial silk which would make a fortune.

No publicity was desired until the syndicate was ready. What he was doing, he said, was to invite shareholders in Courtaulds to exchange a few of their shares—say five, ten or twenty—for a corresponding number of shares in the new syndicate.

On being told that the host had no shares in Courtaulds, he looked surprised, murmured something about a mistake, and rose to go. Then he said that, after all, any other shares in good companies would do.

A plausible impostor

He then calmly produced a blank transfer form and asked his host if he had any shares he would care to part with to enable him to join in this great El Dorado boom. He was shown the door.

It is possible that inexperienced people, women in particular, might fall for this impudent and plausible suggestion.

What would have become of the shares had the blank transfer form been filled in? They would have been sold and sold again, until the original owner could never get them back, or pledged, or somehow turned into money.

The fact is that there is no firm called Rigby and Co., stockbrokers, known at Bush House, and nobody there has heard of Captain Amos Rigby.

If he calls on any readers of JOHN BULL they should at once ring up the police.

KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER

A SHAMEFUL STORY

We Appeal to the Home Secretary

A DEVOTED father and mother have just endured a terrible ordeal for the sake of their seventeen-year-old daughter. They are Mr. and Mrs. Posgate, of Chapter Road, Willesden, and each has served two months in jail as the result of an action brought against them by their daughter Adeline for assault.

Their story is one of noble endeavour and vain sacrifice. They stand condemned in the public eye, for they were not represented in court and certain essential facts were never brought to light.

Briefly the case against them was as follows: It was stated that they had forcibly kidnapped Adeline, and that they had called in a "supposed" medical man with the object of certifying her as insane.

The girl had escaped and had been befriended by a doctor and his wife, in whose employ she had previously been.

It must be admitted that so far as the court case went Mr. and Mrs. Posgate were not shown in a favourable light, and that their sentence, in the circumstances, was not surprising.

The parents' pain

The trouble is that they had been ill-advised by a friend not to "bother" about seeking legal aid, as they would have no difficulty whatever in proving justification for their action.

At the invitation of Mrs. Posgate we have fully investigated this painful case, and we have no hesitation in saying that had the parents been legally represented and proper witnesses been called their conduct would not have appeared in such a bad light.

As it was, Mrs. Posgate's protest in court, that she had schemed to kidnap Adeline "in her own interests," carried no weight because it was not backed up with the necessary evidence.

In the same way, when Mrs. Posgate's elder daughter, Doris, appealed to her local M.P. during her parents' incarceration she met with little success.

The M.P. kindly passed her appeal on to the Home Secretary, but the latter replied that he had gone carefully into the case and had "read the depositions of the witnesses," but was "unable to find any grounds" which would justify his intervention.

A dreadful fear

This is all very well, but the details of the case were entirely one-sided, for in their ignorance Mr. and Mrs. Posgate called no witnesses for the defence.

Of course, Mrs. Posgate and her husband acted foolishly in not taking advantage of legal aid. But this very fact corroborates to some extent that they were confident that they were in the right.

Now, what is Mrs. Posgate's case? She asserts that she had been troubled, rightly or wrongly, for some time by suspicions that her daughter Adeline was becoming wayward.

She states that she was in the habit of staying out until all hours of the morning, and when remonstrated with, declared that she was over sixteen years of age.

She was her own mistress, and there was nobody to answer for her conduct but herself.

Finally Adeline left home, and after making certain enquiries Mrs. Posgate states that she began to feel genuinely alarmed for her daughter's welfare.

The father confessor

After consulting the court missionary, Mrs. Posgate turned to her father confessor for advice. She asked the rev. father to use his influence to have Adeline removed to a proper home if it was considered that her own was not suitable for her. We ourselves have interviewed the rev. father, who bears out Mrs. Posgate's statements and adds that whenever he has visited her at her home he has gathered that the home life of her children was happy.

Mrs. Posgate

As the rev. father's efforts proved unsuccessful, Mrs. Posgate was in a quandary.

Feeling baulked at every turn in her earnest endeavours to get her daughter to return home, she decided in desperation to kidnap her in the hope that having once got her at home she would be able to restrain her.

A question of love

Serious reflection was cast upon the parents in connection with the court case when it was reported that "a supposed medical man" had been called in to see Adeline with a view to certifying her as insane.

We are able to state that the gentleman in question was a *bona fide* medical practitioner who was called in with the best intentions in the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Posgate acted desperately out of sheer love for their daughter.

Their one concern was for her welfare, and it is lamentable, even if their fears were unfounded, that they should have suffered so much ignominy and pain and at the same time have their laudable ends defeated.

We would ask the Home Secretary to reconsider this case, taking into account the vital facts which we have outlined above.

It is too late to spare the parents the shame of their imprisonment, but it is not too late to reopen the case and help the parents in their worthy efforts on their daughter's behalf so that their sacrifice may not be in vain.

WHAT A NERVE!

FREDERICK CHARLES ALOYSIUS AGAIN

A Queer Business Consultant!

NOT for long have we encountered a person so highly endowed with nerve and impudence as Frederick Charles Aloysius Harrington.

Harrington, as may be recalled by our readers, first achieved notoriety only a year ago for the part he played in association with a certain Harry Grigg in conducting a £30,000 crash involving the affairs of the Harrington Standardised Typewriter Co., Ltd.

Many poor investors were ruined in the process, and we should have thought that Harrington would have retired from the hazardous field of finance.

Apparently it will take more than a Carey Street catastrophe to clip the wings of Frederick Charles Aloysius.

Harrington's new love

The Harrington Standardised Typewriter Company, Ltd., was hardly cold in its grave, so to speak, before he found a new love in a scheme which ultimately became known as the Business Consultants Institute.

Under the institute he gathered round him a number of reputable business men, to whom he outlined a highly attractive proposition.

This is set forth in the minutes of the first meeting of the institute, signed by Harrington himself, who succeeded at the outset in being appointed "resident consultant and secretary."

Harrington, according to the minutes, emphasised the fact that there was "no organisation which catered for those members of various professions who engaged in business transfer and development."

"The Press," quoth he, refraining, from motives which will readily be appreciated, from specifying JOHN BULL, "gave prominence to every case of bogus agents fleecing the public, and an organisation for business agents for their own protection as well as for the protection of the public was absolutely necessary."

On the spot

He referred to several Bills before Parliament "which would require watching," and stated that not only had he secured the support of several members of Parliament, but that a "deputation had waited on the President of the Board of Trade, who had urged them to form an institute."

The business men were impressed and the institute was formed, offices being taken at 230, Strand. Naturally the main conduct of its affairs was left in the hands of Harrington, who, as "resident consultant," was always on the spot.

It was naturally presumed that if people with money to invest looked in for a consultation, Harrington would give them sound advice and a word of warning as to the pitfalls in their way.

Harrington did nothing of the kind. Unknown to his committee and without its authority, he commenced to use the institute for highly questionable ends.

In this he had the assistance of a certain William Le Gall.

A young man called the other day, and the "advice" he got is distinctly interesting.

Harrington proposed to him that he should become a partner with Le Gall in a new concern to be called the Business Development and Construction Company, alleged to be connected with a silica property.

Harrington, who claimed, with perfect truth, that he had done "a lot of business-promoting in the past," would keep out of the venture "owing to his position with the Business Consultants Institute," but would be "working behind the scenes."

Spoof and bunkum

An agreement was drafted between Le Gall and the young man which, conceived as it was under the ægis of such a body as the Business Consultants Institute, was an absolute disgrace.

It was about everything an agreement should not be. It was illiterate and riddled with flaws.

In return for an investment of £250, the young man was to be given 25 per cent. of the profits. The remaining 75 per cent. was to go to Le Gall and "Frederick Charles Harrington for services rendered and to be rendered."

Harrington was not so far in the background, it will be observed, and his "position with the Business Consultants Institute" was not going to prevent him from having his pickings.

Mention was made in the agreement of the "Partnership Act, 1990," and a scheme of arbitration was outlined by which the President "of the City Chamber of Commerce" should, as arbitrator, have full power to dissolve the partnership.

We're ready

Now, there is no such body as the "City Chamber of Commerce," and if there were the president could not be invested with such preposterous authority.

Fortunately we heard of the agreement, and also fortunately we were able to arrange for the council of the institute to call at our office. It was astounded at our information, and at a council meeting summoned forthwith Harrington was asked for an explanation.

He made it, but the council weren't having any. The chairman informed the council that Harrington had expressed his willingness to withdraw from the institute until his name was cleared.

His resignation eventuated, and it was decided, wisely to change the name of the institute to which the members had subscribed, and which, we feel sure, ought to have a useful future.

Harrington declared that he was instituting proceedings against JOHN BULL.

We shall be only too glad to meet him.

QUEER HOSPITAL BALLOT FINANCE

ASTONISHING CHARITY METHODS

Poor Mr. Hoban!

AGAIN and again we have emphasised the crying necessity for greater precautionary measures in running appeals for charity.

We have done so advisedly, with a full knowledge of the immense amount of money that has been diverted from its ostensible purpose of providing funds for deserving objects by agents who are not of such probity and standing as to merit their having a free hand in the collection of funds.

On the other hand, there have been cases of charity appeals going awry which have been handled by well-meaning individuals who have not realised the immensity of their task.

In this latter connection, we feel bound to criticise the manner in which the Hull Royal Infirmary has permitted the arrangements to be made for its "Leading Statesmen" Ballot.

A tempting offer

In 1925, the Hull Infirmary was approached regarding the Doncaster "Popular Resort" Ballot. An agreement was reached whereby certain tickets for this ballot would contain the name of the Hull Infirmary on condition that a percentage of profits went to it.

This department was in the hands of John W. Mallard Sales and Publicity Service, then of 3 and 4, Cheapside, London. A local representative was appointed by this service, with offices in Room 4, Royal Chambers, 1, Midland Street, Hull.

It is not surprising to find that the Hull Infirmary failed to benefit.

The appeal organiser of the Doncaster Royal Infirmary was led to supply Mallard with coupons in the belief that he was a reliable person. He was nothing of the kind. He is a charity crook, with whom we have fully dealt in our columns.

Coupons were despatched to Mallard in London and a supply was also sent to his branch office at Hull, before suspicions were aroused.

Handing over the reins

On making enquiries, the appeal organiser at once attempted to stop Mallard from selling any of these coupons, but he was successful in obtaining the return of only part.

Before the Doncaster ballot had shaken off Mr. John W. Mallard, that same gentleman approached the board of management of the Hull Infirmary, through his local representative, Mr. James Philip Hoban, and offered the experience and fame of his grandiloquently titled Service.

How extensive were the enquiries made by the infirmary authorities before accepting Mallard's offer we do not know. Suffice it to say that a letter confirming the acceptance was sent to Hoban as Mallard's representative.

Then came a curious incident. Mr. Hoban informed the infirmary authorities he had quarrelled with Mallard.

Apparently, it was enough for Mr. Hoban to say that Mallard and he had parted for them to give the reins into the former's hands.

An agreement was made out between Mr. Hoban, "carrying on business under the style of the J. P. Hoban Sales and Publicity Service," and the Hull Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Hoban undertook to be responsible for all expenses incurred in printing, canvassing and distributing the tickets and coupons.

In consideration, he was entitled to receive 40 per cent. as commission on all sums received, the balance, being 60 per cent. of the gross profits, to be paid to the infirmary without any deduction whatever.

Mr. Hoban also undertook to provide £1,000 as a prize, and other prizes ranging from £1 to £500 when the ballot closes.

An inevitable crash

Here comes the extraordinary point. On our enquiry into the ballot a fortnight ago we discovered that the Hull Infirmary authorities, apart from appointing a reputable firm of accountants to audit the accounts, were leaving it all to Mr. Hoban, being content to receive whatever he sent them.

Mr. Hoban has, of course, severed his connection with Mallard, and we cast no doubt on Mr. Hoban's probity, but that is not the point.

What we object to is the fact that the authorities have handed over the ballot to a single individual.

He has not even spelt correctly the names of those eminent statesmen, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Philip Snowden. That is a detail.

The charitable spirit which prompted Mr. Hogan to agree to the terms of his contract may be admirable, but what of the financial side?

After all, the expenses incurred in

Mr. C. D. Holmes, J.P., Chairman of the Hull Infirmary Ballot Committee, well known for his efforts in the cause of charity

running a big appeal such as the "Statesmen's Ballot," including the salaries and commissions of canvassers, printing, publicity and the upkeep of a car, are very considerable.

We understand that the hospital has been getting about £30 a week. How does Mr. Hoban manage to get along with something like £15, which is all he is entitled to under his 40 per cent. agreement?

And, to crown all, poor Mr. Hoban is responsible for finding the £1,000 and other prizes.

Unless Mr. Hoban has large resources behind him, we shall be agreeably surprised if there is not another crash to be added to the long list of charity disasters.

What has the Hull Infirmary to say?

THE DEATH-BED HOME

A TRAGIC TALE OF DISTRESS

While authorities quibble a family perishes! What a comment on our humanity!

WHILE two boards of guardians quibble as to which is responsible for relieving a family in circumstances of the most abject misery, a distracted father is lying on what he knows must soon be his death-bed.

He is Mr. Frank Horton, who with his family occupies two rooms in the Handsworth district of Birmingham, and, to bring what solace might be possible, our Special Commissioner called there about three months ago.

As he left the bright sunshine to enter the home, our representative little knew that he was about to come face to face with a family who through no fault of its own was in circumstances the most straitened and heartrending conceivable.

An awful picture

Anguish, terror, starvation and impending breakdown, all were written indelibly on the face of the woman who opened the door. "How I have got through the last few months I don't know. We are all wrecks being forced to death. My greatest trouble has been my dead baby, and now it's my little boy next. Oh, my God, that child ought to haunt those responsible for this."

A flicker of hope

Those were the mother's terrible and poignant words. A flicker of hope shone and tears welled in her eyes when she realised that her husband's appeal to his final court—JOHN BULL—would not be in vain.

Mr. Horton, who is forty-eight, is in an advanced stage of consumption. He was in agony, too, with appendicitis when our representative called.

Until four years ago he enjoyed fair health, and had long been in business both as a master baker and as a commercial traveller.

When told by his doctor that to stay in Birmingham must spell an early death, he sold his business and with his family moved to New Brighton, hoping there to recuperate and establish himself in some occupation.

A year at New Brighton saw the complete exhaustion of his savings, and the family became chargeable to the Liverpool guardians. Owing to his short domicile in that area, Mr. Horton and his family were forced to return to the city, which they knew could only shorten his life.

This bedridden man, when our Special Commissioner called, was receiving Poor Law relief from the West Bromwich guardians, but only to the extent of 10s. 5d. per week in groceries.

A daughter, aged sixteen, working in a factory, was bringing home from 4s. to 12s. per week—the only other income which the family had.

The suffering mother, herself afflicted with heart disease and her arms paralysed with pain, was without the wherewithal to give her surviving boy, who, like his father, is consumptive, the food he needs.

Responsibility shirked

Crusts and a skilly of meal and water were their staple food. Meat, milk and eggs, the diet which they all need so badly, were denied them. To make up their rent of 15s. per week, everything possible had been pawned, and even the blankets of the dying father's bed were threatened.

The West Bromwich guardians have since granted the man 20s. per week home assistance, and directed the relieving officer to give assistance in kind, but only pending the decision of the Birmingham guardians, who, they say, are the responsible authorities.

The Birmingham guardians, in the meantime, have told Mr. Horton that they are not responsible.

For humanity's sake

It seems inconceivable that, in this age of so-called civilisation, a whole family should be found in such sad circumstances.

Naturally, the increased allowance from the West Bromwich guardians has afforded some relief to the family, but, with the knowledge that it may only be temporary, the anguished parents are over-burdened with worry.

We are in a position to know that no family could be more deserving of assistance from public funds, and as the two boards of guardians concerned seem unable to decide which shall accept responsibility, we demand that the Minister of Health should intervene, for humanity's sake.

RAMPING RATEPAYERS

A SHAMEFUL HOUSING SCHEME

Box and Cox Architect

THE Housing (Assisted Scheme) accounts of the Whitefield (Lancashire) Council have now been completed, after a long delay. We wonder what the ratepayers think about them?

Under the scheme eighty-eight houses have been erected at a cost of £104,837 12s. 1d., or an average cost of £1,219 0s. 9d., and the chairman of the Housing Committee, in presenting his statement to the council, added: "I do not think their market value at present is anything like one-half this figure."

At the request of the council its surveyor presented a report on a housing scheme in October, 1919. In this report the surveyor put forward two suggestions as to the carrying out of an assisted houses scheme.

The council could appoint him to do the architectural work and pay him a sum, in addition to his salary, equal to one-third of that salary for three years, or it could appoint an outside architect whose remuneration would be fixed by a scale issued by the Ministry of Health.

A very poor architect

He also suggested that if the latter course was decided upon he should be permitted temporarily to relinquish his post as surveyor and be appointed architect.

This course the council adopted. Its surveyor ceased to be surveyor and became architect. Four years later, in 1924, the district auditor questioned the legitimacy of the appointment and appealed to the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry decided that the appointment was wrong and promptly disallowed £3,995 15s. that the council had paid in fees. The Ministry also disallowed other items.

There was a lot of delay in the preparation of the final measurements in connection with the housing scheme, and, finally, two inspectors of the Ministry reported that the council's "architect" *was incapable of preparing such final measurements!*

Loading the patient ass

An outside firm of architects had to be called in to complete the work. The examination by this firm revealed much slipshod work.

For instance, it found that one firm of contractors had claimed for a wage increase of 4d. per hour, and that the "architect" had certified the claim as correct, although when the tender was put forward he had informed the Housing Commissioner that the increase of wages then known to be imminent was allowed for in the tender.

The amount thus paid amounted to £1,853 10s., and the Ministry refused to allow this sum to rank for assistance. It also disallowed £846 which ought to have been deducted from contractors' accounts for decreases.

Altogether the total sum disallowed for financial assistance amounted to £6,695 6s. 5d.

Prolonged negotiations have resulted in the cutting down of this sum to £4,564 6s. 5d., which amount will fall upon the necks of the ratepayers.

The only consolation they have is that the amount might have been heavier had the outside architects not been called in, for these gentlemen reduced contractors' accounts by £5,500 by reducing measurements and disallowing various charges which had been made!

A sorry story

It is a sorry story, and of course the greater part of the blame falls upon the former official who acted as architect. The members of the council are at least equally blameworthy, for this reason:

There is not a business man on the Whitefield Council or any other public body who, in his private capacity, would place a man in charge of a much smaller job than a £100,000 one until that man had proved up to the hilt that he possessed the ability and the experience necessary for the expert supervision of the job.

Why should public men be less careful with regard to the expenditure of public money than they are with regard to their own?

PAY OR DIE!

LITTLE ROOM FOR STRAYS

Unlucky Dumb Friends

IT is safe to say that no appeal for funds in aid of a good cause goes wholly unanswered. Particularly is this the case where movements for the welfare of dumb animals are concerned, and thousands of pounds are donated annually to the various societies of this class.

This being so, it is distressing to come across cases where those who have been thus generously financed have failed to carry out their duties as satisfactorily as one would wish.

Most people are acquainted with the Dumb Friends' League, and its worthy objects of succouring stray dogs and cats, of helping poor people to obtain licences and granting free veterinary aid where necessary.

Lucky "boarders"

That an immense amount of good work is done by the league generally cannot be disputed; but from information in our possession we entertain some doubts with regard to the affairs of the Isle of Thanet branch, quartered at 154, High Street, Ramsgate, where there is accommodation for sixteen dogs and fourteen cats.

When our representative recently enquired at the home he was informed that there were then fourteen dogs and twelve cats on the premises, all of which were "boarders"—that is to say, the owners were paying for the privilege of leaving them there.

Now this question of "boarders" has occasioned some uneasiness in the minds of certain animal-lovers, for it means that every paid-for pet received in the home may result in the exclusion of some deserving stray.

A subscriber's shock

A London gentleman on holiday in Ramsgate a little while ago took a stray dog to the home, and was told that it could not be admitted as there was no room.

His feelings will be imagined when we add that he had been a regular subscriber to the league for some years!

There is another unpleasant aspect to be considered. When a stray is refused admittance in this way, it means that it must be handed over to the police, and if it is not claimed within seven days it is destroyed.

Strays are brought by the police to the Isle of Thanet branch of the league for destruction there, and the police pay 2s. for each animal so destroyed. Thus an animal which may have been refused free admittance before may be taken in—to die—when payment is forthcoming!

It has also been brought to our notice that the facilities at this branch for giving treatment to injured animals are sadly limited.

A case is on record of an injured dog being refused at the home and sent to the police pound, where it was ultimately attended to by one of the officials of the league—but with bandages, etc., *supplied from the police first-aid chest.*

A strange silence

Early this year eight members of the committee sent in their resignations. Their reasons were not made public, but after some enquiries had been made a report appeared in a local paper to the effect that the resignations were due to "dissatisfaction with regard to one feature of administration."

What the particular feature of administration referred to may be we cannot say, but we are able to state that considerable uneasiness was felt locally, and the paper was inundated with letters demanding that the full facts should be published.

The newspaper could only reply that it was awaiting an official announcement on behalf of the Isle of Thanet branch of Our Dumb Friends' League, but added that the latter did not appear to be in any hurry to avail itself of the opportunity.

This was in February last, but, so far, no explanation seems to have been forthcoming.

We trust that the headquarters of the League will lose no time in looking into the affairs of its Isle of Thanet branch, which is in danger of bringing discredit upon an organisation that should be above reproach.

Down on the Doctors

QUACK'S BOMBASTIC BOOKS

Some Staggering Claims

IT is customary for quack doctors to make bold statements and to put forth extravagant claims, but a person who calls himself Maurice Ernest must surely be awarded the palm in this respect.

Maurice Ernest resides in Cromwell Road, London, S.W., where he acts as a "homœopathic consultant." He is also the author of many remarkable handbooks, such as "Beware of Harley Street," "The Conquest of Pain," and "Everyday Chronic Maladies, their Causes, Course and Cure."

In the latter volume Ernest declares that he studied medicine thirty years ago in Vienna, but soon found to his "dismay" that medicine proper was "no science at all."

"I, therefore, abandoned the orthodox curriculum," he writes, "and began to study medicine on entirely new lines."

After years of patient study he professes to have arrived at "guiding principles for the treatment of chronic maladies on systematic lines as set forth in the following pages."

Some big talk

The "following pages" contain notes on scores of maladies from alcoholism to writer's cramp.

With regard to the former we read "avoid quack cures," "small doses of Ant. tart. Nux. vom., or strom., seem indicated."

For writer's cramp Ernest states that "ordinary treatment fails badly, as a rule." But he himself uses "Bella., Calc. carb., Nat. mur., Nux. vom., Oleand., Rhodod., or Silic., and various non-medicinal remedies."

Such vague remarks, coupled with impressive lists of drugs, seem to form Maurice Ernest's stock-in-trade.

In the face of his virulent denunciation of medical science and established practitioners, it is rather surprising to find a note at the end of his volume to the effect that "all letters should be addressed to Dr. Maurice Ernest."

The quack's victims

As a matter of fact, Ernest is entitled to describe himself in such terms, as he graduated as a doctor of laws at Vienna, but he does not make it clear to the public that the title of "doctor" in his case has nothing whatever to do with his medical qualifications.

Ernest is a native of Hungary, who has thought it more desirable to pass under an English version of his real name of Moriz Ernst.

At his Cromwell Road address Ernest is prepared to hold consultations from 2.30 to 4.30 daily, with the exception of Saturdays, when his hours are from 2 to 4.

He also announces that sufferers may be treated by correspondence—a practice which, apart from all other aspects, is surely open to grave objection.

Unfortunately, there are always numerous ignorant people who are ready to submit themselves to the tender mercies of an unorthodox and unqualified quack. We urge them to be cautious.

THAT punishment is no deterrent from crime is proved in this article. The alarming increase of juvenile crime gives striking illustration of the relation of the housing problem to lawlessness. The slums are the real crime factory.

The Crooks' Cradle

by His Honour JUDGE ATHERLEY-JONES, K.C.

I PROPOSE to describe the various types of criminals who constitute our prison population. Male and female, some eleven thousand persons are in "durance vile" for criminal acts. The important matter is to consider how that population of our prisons may be diminished by legislation and administrative means without detriment to the State.

To most people it will be a matter of surprise to know that some nine thousand persons are annually received in prison for non-payment of debts. These persons are imprisoned for non-payment of wife maintenance, arrears of paternity orders and income-tax.

The number of those imprisoned by judges of the county courts has of recent years become insignificant, largely owing to the great care and consideration the judges give before committing defaulting debtors.

The large number of these unfortunate debtors are men who have failed to pay regularly the weekly or monthly amount magistrates have ordered for wives' maintenance. Now, in these cases the magistrate does not require proof of means to be given before committal to jail, but merely evidence of non-payment.

It is significant to note that most prison governors in their reports attribute the committals to the men's inability to pay up arrears through non-employment.

It is highly desirable that the magistrate should require proof of means before sending men to jail. It is a grievous and scandalous matter that men should be imprisoned for debts they are unable to pay.

Poverty's cruel test

The number of persons tried for indictable offences—that is, offences of a serious character which may be, and some of which must be, tried by a jury—was 57,374. The vast majority of these persons were charged with acts of dishonesty, shop-breaking, theft and fraud—in all 49,000.

The pious belief of many that punishment is a deterrent from crime is rudely shaken by the fact that of a total of 15,595 persons convicted of indictable offences, no fewer than 10,089 had been previously convicted more than once; some 3,000 persons six to over twenty times.

I have observed that the overwhelming majority of crimes are acts of dishonesty. Let it be emphasised that poverty, with few exceptions, is responsible for this type of crime.

The well-to-do class—shopkeepers, merchants, and professional persons—convicted of dishonest crimes gives a record of only 200 persons. In the same year (1924), of the vagrant and labour class over six thousand persons were convicted.

What the criminal statistics describe as skilled labour—namely, farm labourers, factory hands, merchant seamen, and miners—produces about half that number of persons convicted of crimes of dishonesty.

Startling statistics

Still, having regard to the vicissitudes of employment in the year in question, I have no doubt that in very many instances poverty incited the criminal act.

Juvenile crime has increased to an alarming extent. Under the age of sixteen, children and young persons are dealt with in juvenile courts of summary jurisdiction.

In 1924 no fewer than 12,884 were dealt with for indictable offences, almost entirely acts of dishonesty, and 16,734 for non-indictable offences—a grand total of over 29,000—and of these there were 14,799 boys and 729 girls.

I have not referred to the habitual criminal—namely, the person who gets his living by crime, the professional burglar and thief.

On a given day in 1924 the Home Office called for an enumeration of habitual criminals who were at large. The return resulted in the number of 2,867 habitual criminals, male and female. Probably the real number was very much larger.

It is a very true saying that the "receiver" is worse than the thief. According to the same return there were on that date no fewer than 400 regular "receivers" evading the police.

Why the guilty escape

To secure a conviction for this offence it is necessary to prove that at the time the accused received the article he knew it was stolen. To prove this is often a matter of great difficulty, with the result that many guilty persons are able to escape conviction.

Crimes may be assigned in two categories: Those arising from emotional disturbances, and those of design.

To the former class pertain the vast majority of crimes of violence against the person; to the latter, crimes of dishonesty, which constitute the great mass of crimes in this and other countries.

A small proportion of crimes against the person are of design. Such, for instance, is murder by poison.

The poisoner enters upon his gruesome task with deliberation, reliant upon his cunning to escape detection; but murder, manslaughter—except that arising from gross negligence—and assaults must, with that and a few other exceptions, be attributed to intense passion, engendered by the thirst for vengeance in retaliation for some real or imagined wrong, where the perpetrator has no control over his will until the paroxysm has passed away.

It is abundantly clear that, whatever may be the deterrent effect of punishment on crimes of design, it can have none upon the man whose will-power is lost in a tempest of passion. For the moment he is bereft of reason; he is a demoniac.

"Dick Turpin" crimes

The fate of the gallows or the jail can serve no other useful purpose than that of passing it out of his power to repeat his crime.

Criminal dishonesty is generally the offspring of extreme poverty, and sometimes of greed, be it that of the child who robs an orchard or of the financier who in his hurry to amass wealth scruples not to rob the widow and the orphan by his fraudulant enterprises.

We must remember, too, that this class of crime sometimes finds its motive in the spirit of adventure. The picture-theatre and the glamour of "Dick Turpin" adventures captivate the imagination of the modern young person, and compels him to commit crime.

Unhappily for him, the illusion of the "lark" is lost in the gloom of a prison-cell. I have tried young men of good circumstances who were undoubtedly inspired to break shops and warehouses by a morbid love of adventure or craving for notoriety.

The percentage of criminals to the population is undoubtedly greater in urban than in rural districts. Let it not be forgotten that the slums of our great towns are the breeding-ground of crime and criminals.

They, in turn, render their tribute of neglected children to swell the army of crime. They are the offspring of those who are familiar with the inside of the jail. A common lodging-house or a hovel in a noisome slum is their "home"; their playground is the street.

Judge Atherley-Jones

Ill-fed, miserably clad, often the victims of atrocious cruelty by those who deface the name of "parent," there is no need to marvel that juvenile crime, festering at the root of the housing problem, is ever on the increase.

A missed opportunity

Our preconceived notions as to the beneficent influence of the declared affection of parents for their offspring receives a rude shock when we learn that year after year thousands of parents are convicted for cruelty to their children.

The punishment is usually inadequate and often only serves for the victims a short respite from their sufferings.

Again, in most cases, one or both of the parents are drunken and disorderly. Punishment avails but little.

There should be adequate powers vested in the magistrates to remove the children from their worthless parents and to place them under guardianship which will afford them the promise of a respectable and useful life.

It is to be regretted that the Society for the Protection of Children, which does good work in the detection and prosecution of inhuman parents, does not take some effective steps in this direction, or, better still, the school attendance officers' duties should be extended to ascertain and report upon the conditions under which the children in his district are living.

His opportunities for ascertaining are abundant, and they could be readily realised by apt regulations without violating by inquisitorial domiciliary visitations the sanctity of an Englishman's home.

The testimony of experts

After excluding those whom the prison doctor would classify as coming within the definition of mental defectives, it is fully established by the testimony of experts that a large proportion of the criminal inmates of our prisons are of inferior mental and physical culture, many of them unfit to secure a decent living by honest industry.

These are the poor creatures who spend their periods of freedom in persistent petty thefts, habitual criminals of the common type. The prisons for such criminals can do nothing in the way of fitting them for a life of honest industry; it is alike unprofitable to them and to the State that they should be the everlasting "ins" and "outs" of our jails.

Under intelligent guidance they might become of some, if slight, utility to themselves and to society. They could be set to work and would at any rate cease to be the predatory pests of the community.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PREMIER,—Throughout your term of office I have consistently upheld your solid attempts at peace-making. Therefore, I am the more disappointed by your view that "the extent to which various agreements should be national or local is primarily a question for the owners and miners to settle." There has been no slightest sign of these two contending parties being able to settle anything. The whole question of settlement and reorganisation of the coalfields is of intense national importance. It is the duty of the nation's Prime Minister to give the lead.

JOHN BULL.

To Professor CYRIL BURT, M.A., D.Sc., Psychologist to the L.C.C.

DEAR PROFESSOR,—When lecturing on juvenile crime to the I.L.P. Summer School, Easton Lodge, Dunmow, you stated that poverty not only operates directly by robbing the child of necessaries, but indirectly through its concomitants. You stressed the evils of overcrowding, and then went on to point out how detrimental it was to normal development to deprive the young of natural pleasures, such as sweets, toys and finery. It is refreshing to meet a scientist who talks such sound sense, and I trust your wise words, carrying with them the importance attaching to your responsible position, will function even as seed that is sown upon fruitful soil.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Lt.-Col. WILFRID ASHLEY, M.P., Minister of Transport.

DEAR SIR,—I view with satisfaction the new regulations you have framed in regard to the use of vehicles for collecting refuse in the London traffic area. It is indeed time that some action was taken. To restrict the number of hours during which such vehicles may make their passage will do more than merely lessen the congestion of the streets. It will also greatly reduce the risk of food contamination by dust and dirt from such carriers during shopping hours.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. C. S. THOMSON, Medical Officer of Health, Deptford.

DEAR SIR,—In plain language which does you credit, you have informed your borough council that the demolition of 3,000 insanitary houses in the Deptford area is a vital requirement of public health. Most of these hovels, you roundly declare, are "unfit for human habitation"; while so terrible is the overcrowding that 173 people are living in forty-seven rooms. Evidently your warning comes not a moment too soon.

JOHN BULL.

To Miss MABEL LANGTON, The Polygon, Clapham, S.W.

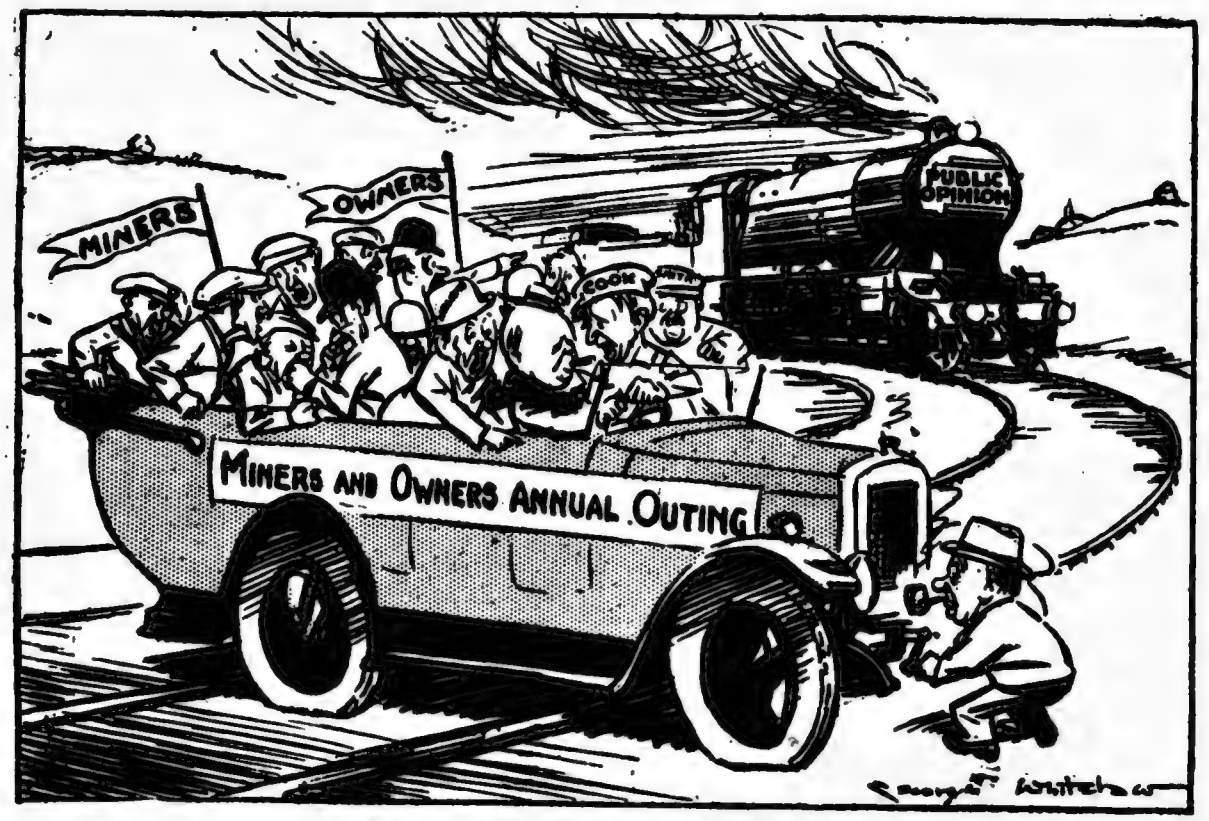
DEAR MADAM,—As foster-mother without payment for more than seven years, you have reared two of the bonniest "unwanted" little girls I have seen. The struggle has been hard, and there's a good way to go yet, as the kiddies are only eight. You shelter also your aged mother and a niece who is partly blind. I admire your pluck and endurance in the most adverse circumstances. To see you in "Poverty Street" is heartrending. The fathers of those two kiddies you love should be traced and made to realise their indebtedness to you.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS T. LEE, Baldry Gardens, Streatham.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. LEE,—A sobbing child was carried into court when you both appeared before the magistrates in order to "settle" your matrimonial differences. The money part was easily disposed of, but what interests me is the decision of the magistrates that while you each live apart the little one shall reside first with one of you and then with the other for periods of six months. This implies that parental love is fully alive in both of you and evidently you are both quite fit to have the custody of your child. For its sake I suggest you sink your differences and mend your quarrels and live together in peace and quietness. There is nothing worse for a little child than a divided home.

JOHN BULL.



AN IMPENDING DISASTER

To the Rev. Father DEGEN, Coalville, Leicestershire.

DEAR FATHER DEGEN,—Your stern reminder to the Market Bosworth Guardians that "a hungry man soon becomes a rebel" implies not only Christian sympathy, but a sound grasp of political philosophy. The stopping of relief to miners' dependents is an act of stupid cruelty which these stingy custodians of the public purse may have bitter reason to repent.

JOHN BULL.

To Master ALFRED WALLACE, Lindo Street, Nunhead.

DEAR ALF,—You were playing in the street when your sister ran out of the house, screaming. In you darted, to find your brother Arthur with his clothes all alight. You caught him up in your arms and rushed out, when some neighbours took charge of him. Alas! the poor child died, but this does not detract from the splendour of your act. You are an ornament to the Scouts, the pride of your district, and a credit to the country. Good luck!

JOHN BULL.

To Miss MARGARET GIBSON, Laurel Court School, Peterborough.

DEAR MADAM,—Your fellow-townsfolk paid you a graceful tribute when on the occasion of your ninetieth birthday they presented you with the honorary freedom of the city. The life of a teacher of youth moves in a restricted groove, but none has more influence for either good or evil. How well you have fulfilled your trust is evidenced by this action of the city of Peterborough.

JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. MARGARET SUTCLIFFE, Peabody Buildings, Rodney Road, Walworth.

DEAR MADAM,—To rescue three men from drowning, and find yourself twice within a year recommended for the Royal Humane Society's certificate, is a record of which you may be justly proud. The Medway rescue is particularly to your credit. Seeing two men flung from an overturned boat, you dived in and managed to swim with them to the bank. Your own kiddies have a magnificent example of pluck to follow as they grow up.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. TOM MANN, Adelaide Road, Brockley, S.E.

DEAR TOM,—Why don't you go to your spiritual home in Moscow? I marvel that it is possible here to collect together a dozen individuals so mean of intelligence that they will sit and listen to your foolish ranting. You claim that the general strike came to an end owing to bad leadership, and say you are all for militant action. Let me tell you that the strike would never have occurred but for irresponsibles such as you. Go to; you are nothing but a blathering ignoramus!

JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN:—"No British Government would think it compatible with honour to go cap in hand to those to whom we had undertaken obligations."

There is no need for cap in hand when no obligations are undertaken which are incompatible with honour.

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BISHOP OF MANCHESTER:—"Education really means nourishment and not mere stuffing."

By that criterion how very little real education we get compared to what we pay for.

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REV. R. J. MOCKERIDGE:—"Most motor accidents are caused by our being oblivious of the rights of other people."

And so are most political blunders and industrial troubles and international complications.

Without Fear or Favour—

—by The Editor

ONCE AND FOR ALL

Mr. Crippen Again

THE seventh annual report of the Ministry of Health deals once again with the scandal of food adulteration. If the actions of the Ministry were as strong as its words, it would have a bigger claim to the gratitude of the public.

It is clear from this official pronouncement that much of the food exposed for sale in the shops is unfit for human consumption.

Such prime essentials of life as butter and milk are so dosed with preservatives as to destroy their vitalising properties; while simple luxuries like tea, jam and beer are constantly mixed with inferior substances, in a way which constitutes a gross fraud on the consumer.

In all this there is nothing new. Nearly three years ago JOHN BULL exposed this widespread evil, and demanded effective action, while taking steps to protect its readers against cheats and robbers.

The record of the Ministry of Health in the matter is one of persistent neglect. In regard to the use of harmful preservatives, upon which fresh stress is laid in the latest report, it first issued peremptory regulations, and then weakly postponed their operation on account of selfish protests from the trades.

Food-faking is rife because it pays. It is actually on the increase, as the Ministry itself confesses, because its illicit gains are not counterbalanced by effective penalties.

Many of the abuses disclosed by the Ministry constitute a direct menace to health. People are being poisoned to pile up profits for rogues and rascals.

The worst the food-adulterator has to fear at present is that, if detected, he may have to hand back a fraction of his ill-gotten gains in the shape of a fine. What is needed is punishment that hurts.

The Unwelcome Guest

THAT there is a serious house shortage it were foolish to deny, yet we doubt if there is insufficient accommodation in our midst to assure at least a reasonable compliance with the laws of health and decency.

Any apology for returning again to the "no children" scandal would be misplaced, since a refusal to entertain them is detrimental to the State.

What would be thought of the butcher who, having displayed and priced his wares, declined to sell a joint because the customer's voice was displeasing?

Yet a landlady, who has also displayed and priced her goods, hesitates to trade with those whose sole offence is that they have obeyed nature's law and done their duty by the nation.

All who let apartments should be compelled to register their names and the accommodation available, and the privilege of letting should be withdrawn from those who refuse, without valid cause, to take in children.

Children constitute the wealth of the world, and to regard them as encumbrances is suicidal.

An End to This Misery!

SO far the miners have only been asked to sacrifice wages. The Government should put a more far-reaching possibility to them. We make here a suggestion that we think would end the whole miserable business

THE definite refusal of the mine-owners to negotiate a national agreement in any circumstances whatever is placing their cards on the table with a vengeance.

There is no other interpretation possible except the assumption that their primary object is not to settle the coal dispute but to smash the Miners' Federation beyond recovery.

Both mine-owners and miners seem incapable of producing a single constructive idea, and it becomes the duty of anyone who has such an idea to put it forward.

We think that we have a suggestion which contains the essential core of any agreement that is to bring anything like lasting peace to this much-tortured industry.

Uncertainty is the bogey that has always prevented anything like efficient working in the mines. It has effectually hampered a thorough-going reorganisation and renovation of the mines, since no one cares to sink very much money in an industry that is liable to be turned upside down with fair regularity once every twelve months.

We suggest, therefore, that a perfectly sound basis for negotiation and agreed settlement would lie in a pledge from the miners to stabilise conditions in the industry for a period of, say, five years, and a binding promise that during those five years no new wage claim should be put forward.

THIS would imply on the part of the owners an equally binding pledge that during this period of truce whole-hearted reconstruction should be put into operation, and would also imply an earnest endeavour on the part of the Government to undertake to carry out forthwith during this period of stability and peace whatever measures of reorganisation that would tend to re-establish the coalfields on their former basis of prosperity.

It would imply on the miners' part more than a mere agreement to keep the peace. It would involve a pledge of sincere co-operation and a whole-hearted effort to increase output and reduce costs of production.

We think on these lines it is perfectly possible for the Government to step in and become once more the key to the situation, for such a guarantee of peace should certainly be embodied in an Act of Parliament.

Once this pledge was guaranteed by statute we can see no difficulty in, still less any objection to, the raising of a national loan under Government auspices to provide the means of paying wages that ruled before the stoppage, and to provide the finance that would be needed to carry out the reconstruction of the coal industry on the lines laid down by the Coal Commission.

WE are not advocating a subsidy in any shape or form. We thought when the subsidy was first granted that it was the only method of easing an exceedingly dangerous and critical situation, but although we thought that, we never pretended to regard it as anything more than a mere expedient.

Further, we are, and should be, entirely averse from any granting of a subsidy as such, but we cannot see any difference between the raising of a national loan for the reconstruction of a vital industry like the mines and the raising of a war loan for the equally vital purpose of carrying out the nation's business during that time.

Unless some such basis of settlement is adopted we fail to see what can eventuate except a dictated peace by the coal-owners based on the starving into submission of the miners.

Such a peace would last for exactly the time of the agreement arrived at. Another stoppage at the end of that agreement would be as inevitable as to-morrow's sunrise.

A settlement based, as we suggest, on a guaranteed period of stability could, and probably would, be the end once and for all of trouble in the pits.

Col. Lane-Fox, M.P., Minister of Mines, to whom we commend the suggested basis of settlement outlined on this page. We invite him to confer with his colleagues of the Cabinet and endeavour to initiate negotiations on these lines

The Great Betrayal

THERE is no end to the evil which is produced by the system of land tenure existing in this country. One of the greatest wrongs, and one the most seldom instanced, is that inflicted on the youngsters of the nation.

The streets are no longer safe for them to use as playgrounds. Indeed, their very presence there constitutes a danger and a nuisance.

Yet throughout the country the children are being defrauded of their birthright of open playing-fields because the land itself is locked away, and where accessible is too often too dear to be obtainable.

The London County Council does everything in its power to put playing-fields at the disposal of its myriad youngsters. But applications for space under its control outrun by many times its power to grant them.

The National Playing Fields Association is actively supported from royalty downwards, but even that vigorous organisation can only move within the existing law.

In every town—actually in every parish—there are spaces railed about that would serve admirably for children's recreation-grounds; but they are unobtainable, or only purchasable at great price.

Unless the children have this simple means of health and happiness—open playing-grounds in sun and air, readily accessible to them—we shall reap the harvest in a rapidly deteriorating nation.

That is the poorest sort of economy. To starve the children of fresh air and the room to romp in is to betray the responsibility that the care of children puts upon us. Public bodies should have the power to requisition open spaces and put them to these good uses.

Colossal Govt. Fraud

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

THE public has been grossly misled by the statements of Ministers in Parliament, so that it is the general belief that the claims of air-raid and other sufferers have been adequately met by the Government. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Rt. Hon. Ronald McNeill, M.P., who has been the unwitting cause of misleading the country into believing civilian war claimants have been paid

DR. JOHNSON once said that patriotism was the last refuge of the scoundrel. It is beginning to look to any observant man as though the last refuge of the modern political scoundrel is not so much patriotism as economy when interpreted by Cabinet Ministers.

The breaking of a bargain which in ordinary life would land the breaker forthwith into the nearest law court does not appear to worry the consciences of our Cabinet Ministers.

The repudiation of agreements which in the case of an ordinary citizen would be regarded as the stamp of a man of dishonour appears to have no effect on the members of the Government beyond making their attitude a trifle more cynical, a trifle more truculent, a little more brutal.

This is by no means an exaggerated statement of the attitude of the Government towards those who suffered and who still suffer in silence from the effects of air raids during the war.

Deliberate cheating

In the Peace Treaty it was clearly laid down that Germany accepted the responsibility of recompense of civilian sufferers from air raids and bombardments, and Germany agreed. Up to date, on the admission of the Government itself, £30,000,000 has been received from Germany for this purpose, out of which sum only £100,000 has been paid to civilian sufferers.

I am sure that Cabinet Ministers are honourable men—at any rate according to their own conceptions of honesty—and it is an extraordinary thing that these men should deliberately cheat their people of the compensation which by every rule of law and equity is their elementary right.

Let us look at two or three cases from the point of view of sheer humanity alone. There is the case of Mrs. May Hague, of Regent Street, Hull, who lost her husband, suffered injury herself, and had her home, valued at £300, totally destroyed. For all this the Government considered that £28 was adequate compensation.

A despicable award

Or there is Joseph Page, of 70, Leicester Road, Quorn, who volunteered for service early in the war. A bomb fell from a German zeppelin which killed his wife, his son and his daughter, and destroyed his home, so that when he was discharged from the army all he possessed in the world was the suit of khaki in which he stood.

And the Government, which is composed of honourable men, gave him the munificent sum of £19 in full and final settlement!

I wonder if the dreams of Cabinet Ministers are ever haunted by the memory of Mrs. Florence Wharton, of 50, Rotten Street, Sunderland, who lost her husband, was injured herself, and left with two children to support? £14 was the value placed upon her husband and her own injuries by the Government, and she has had to be supported by the guardians ever since.

What I want the electors of this country to realise is that nearly 5,000 people were killed and injured in England and that the Government which has already forced Germany to pay over £30,000,000 as some compensation for their terrible suffering has disbursed the niggardly sum of £400,000, and has calmly stuck to the balance.

What parallel is it possible to find for such a gigantic story of trickery except by examining the records of fraudulent debtors?

Where is the justice?

What is the correct word with which to describe the behaviour of four successive Governments in dealing with this problem except the fraudulent conversion of money to their own use to which they were not in the smallest degree entitled?

Let us look for a moment at the cases I have mentioned from the point of view, not of humanity, but of sheer elementary justice.

The other day a man was knocked down in the road by a motorist and his right thigh was injured. The courts awarded him compensation to the tune of £1,250.

By what right, then, does any Government consider that £19 is adequate compensation for the loss of Joseph Page's wife, son and daughter, his home and his entire possessions? There is no court of justice in the land that would be guilty of such an outrageous decision.

But there is a point at which this tale of trickery and deception passes the bounds of sanity and borders on the realm of the fantastic. For in February, 1925, the Chancellor of the Exchequer wrote to the French Minister of Finance and offered to reduce the amount of the French and other allied debts by the full amount of reparations received by this country from Germany, *including in this the compensation paid by Germany on account of the losses suffered by civilians.*

Where, in the name of common sense, is the business ability, let alone the justice, displayed in enabling the French Government to compensate French firms with German money which had been paid solely for the purpose of compensating the British firms with whom these French firms were competing?

The Government has a variety of excuses when it is accused of not honouring its word. It says that the sufferers have no legal claims and the best authority it can rake up for this excuse is a verdict given in relation to a claim made in the Crimean war!

Half-way round the mulberry bush it changes its tune and says that the country cannot "afford" to pay the civilian claimants.

But I think that not even the most skilled Treasury counsel, if a solicitor found guilty of misappropriating his client's money pleaded that it was done on the score of economy, would be able to convince a jury that his client was not only not guilty but even worthy of commendation.

An unholy plea

Yet that is the exact parallel to the behaviour of the Government in the case of the civilian war claimants. I might also add that it is nonsense bordering on the very verge of foolishness to plead economy when the money that is the rightful due of these sufferers is to be calmly paid away to the French Government who, years ago, had paid over 90 per cent. to its own civilian claimants.

I think the Government is condemned out of hand by its own actions. It did not consider the sum of £400,000 adequate compensation for the suffering caused to civilians through the war when it assessed this damage in its claim upon Germany at £43,000,000. Unless there was from the beginning intent to defraud, the least the Government can do is to accept its own figures and pay to its own people the money which it rightly claimed, *and obtained*, on their behalf.

Exploiting an Ho

That Nurses should be underpaid is a crying scandal.

THERE is no profession that warrants more praise than nursing, and yet women and girls who have given up their lives to the onerous duty of nursing the sick and dying are in many instances preyed upon by those by whom they are employed.

Sir Curtis G. Lampson

The earnings of a hospital nurse who has reached the stage of efficiency, after years of training, is about equal to the wage of a second-rate stenographer.

Under the heading of "Public Appointments Vacant," a mental hospital not far from London recently inserted the following advertisement in a leading daily newspaper:

Laundry-maid, salary 34s. 6d. p.w. rising by three increments to 39s. 4d. p.w. Housemaid, salary 34s. 6d. p.w. rising by four increments to 38s. 3d. p.w. Nurse, salary 38s. p.w. rising 1s. 7d. p.w. to 46s. p.w. Both the laundry-maid and housemaid live in; it is, therefore, apparent that little differentiation is made between the wage of a servant and the remuneration of the highly skilled hospital nurse.

In the same issue of this paper there appeared a second advertisement, asking for a highly trained sister (two diplomas were necessary) for a London hospital, the salary being £68 per annum.

I could give numerous similar examples; but space forbids. Trained nurses are badly wanted; they are, in fact, indispensable.

THE scientific nature of their work requires, in the first place, sound education, while the arduous duties of the preliminary work during their probationer days forbids (in the majority of cases) a girl commencing her training before the age of twenty-one.

According to statistics obtained from the State registration records, the average age is twenty-three and a half; thus, by the time a full curriculum has been completed she has reached the age of twenty-eight years or more.

The earning years of a nurse are short, and to insure against poverty in old age she is forced to contribute from her paltry earnings to an insurance fund.

A Plot Against Ramsay

by A. G. GARDINER

THE wise men of the Labour Party are afraid to face up to their extremists and put the issue bluntly to Labour—"Do you want to reform the machine through Parliament or smash it, with the certainty of a Lenin or Mussolini tyranny at the end?"

I DO not think that the Berlin gentleman who has been studying us, and who in his published statement comes to the conclusion that we are on the road to ruin, need be taken very seriously.

Our strikes, our doles, our "ca'canny" ways, our subsidies, our passion for sport, our indifference to the things of the mind, our loss of faith, our sex-saturated literature, our pre-occupation with birth control, all seem to him to mean that England as we have known it will soon cease to be.

He reads too much into these things, and it would be easy to point to other symptoms of our national life which would lead to a directly contrary and much more cheerful conclusion.

But, while I do not believe that this country is either dead or dying, I do not think that we can deny that we are going through a bad patch.

Marching to the New Jerusalem

The main trouble is the wave of social and industrial unrest through which we are passing. This is due largely to the civil war that rages within the Labour Party, and until that war is decided industry is not likely to get out into smooth water again.

There are two schools of thought in the movement, and, though they both affect to form one camp, they are more bitterly opposed than any other parties.

There is the school which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald represents, and to which Mr. Sidney Webb has given the slogan of "The inevitability of gradualness." The meaning of that phrase is that progress is an evolutionary process.

It accepts Parliamentary government as the instrument of reform, and it accepts the social structure as it is. It aims at adapting that structure to the new needs of society by carefully considered changes, making it weather-proof here and more habitable there, but preserving a roof over our head in the process.

It entirely repudiates the Communist idea, and in so far as it is Socialist it aims at extending Socialism by instalments, nationalising the railways, the mines, the land, the banks and so on by Parliamentary sanction. This is an entirely constitutional movement.

Opposed to this school is the revolutionary current which regards Parliament, in Mr. Wheatley's phrase, "as a second-class debating society," which does not want to reform the social and economic system, but wishes to destroy it, and which preaches class-war and the rule of the "proletariat" on the Russian model.

The purpose of this school is to make industry unworkable in order to destroy capitalism. Its philosophy is the philosophy of catastrophe. If a trade is prospering it must be made not to prosper. A prosperous industry is an industry which obstructs the march to the New Jerusalem.

Cells of discontent must be introduced into it to produce friction, undermine production and bring about insolvency. When the trade is insolvent it can be nationalised, and run uneconomically by means of subsidies extracted from the taxpayer. These subsidies will have to come out of other industries, and in doing so will impoverish them.

When Mr. Baldwin set the disastrous precedent of paying a subsidy to the coal trade, Mr. Wheatley publicly rejoiced that the policy he advocated had been started. He saw one industry after another being put on the dole until the whole foundations of capitalism collapsed and the catastrophe was complete.

A dreamer of dreams

Among the propagandists of extremism is Mr. Brailsford, the editor of the *New Leader*, who for two years has been carrying on a sleepless crusade within the Labour Party against Mr. MacDonald and the rival school.

The object of this prophet of the extremists is to dethrone Mr. MacDonald, to make his return to power impossible and to establish in control of the Labour Party some suitable instrument of the more revolutionary aims.

H. N. Brailsford, a "dreamer of the impossible and impracticable"

Mr. Brailsford is an amiable dreamer who wants something which he calls "Socialism in our Time"—a sort of meaningless echo, I suppose, of Mr. Baldwin's plea for "Peace in our time."

A delectable feast

He is satisfied that Mr. MacDonald is not the man to give him whatever "Socialism in our time" may mean, and he is determined to have him out. In a speech at the Labour Summer School the other day, after denouncing the MacDonald method of Socialism by instalments, he disclosed what he and his friends are after.

His plan is very simple. The next Labour Cabinet is to take in its first budget when it comes into office an extra £125,000,000 from the taxpayer in order to provide allowances for all children of working-class mothers.

But this is only a sort of *hors d'œuvre* of the feast; the real joint is to follow. The whole national income is to be treated as a divisible pool, from which suitable incomes are to be allotted to all government and municipal workers—stimulating, we are assured, wages all round.

Two remarks may be made on this. First, Sir Josiah Stamp has shown that if all incomes in excess of £250 a year were pooled, the division would give an increase of less than 5s. a week to each family; second, it is obvious that this crazy experiment of putting everybody on the dole would result in universal bankruptcy.

I should not refer to this fantastic silliness except for the fact that it represents the sort of predatory appeals which the "catastrophic" section of the Labour Party are making to Labour. That the Brailsfords or Wheatleys believe in the nonsense I shall take the liberty of discrediting.

Tickling the palate

But this gospel of "something for nothing" appeals to the appetite of the time and is a useful instrument for bringing about the political catastrophe which our revolutionaries have in view. If they succeed it is not impossible that the German prophet may be right after all.

The matter is in the hands of Labour itself. The pretence that Labour is a solid, homogeneous family must go. It must go with the other fiction that when the British collier "downed" tools the foreign miner would refuse to mine coal for England, and the English transport worker would refuse to handle foreign coal for England.

Labour must decide whether it stands for "catastrophe" with Mr. Wheatley or for Parliamentary government with Mr. MacDonald. That issue has been too long evaded. If it were pressed Mr. MacDonald would make short work of his cranks and British industry would make an effective reply to German prophecies of doom.

nourable Profession

by SIR CURTIS G. LAMPSON.

I bring forward with great emphasis a method practised by many of our leading hospitals. Nursing institutions which are branches of these hospitals supply nurses at a small fixed salary.

WEALTHY patients who employ this staff are charged from three-and-a-half to five guineas per week, according to the nature of the case, and the profit derived from this sweating of these little sisters is handed to the hospital authorities.

This money is used for re-decorating the buildings, general improvement and indirectly for the maintenance of the unskilled staff.

The aim of all our great hospitals is a laudable one, but I challenge the righteousness of this act. Hospitals requiring money to carry on their good work must obtain it from the rich, and not mulct their unprotected nurses.

A nurse works day and night, administering all that is needful to those who require it. Large sums are paid to the surgeon and doctor, and the charge made for a room in a nursing-home is proportionately high.

Yet the wage offered to the nurse, whose responsibilities are as great as those of the medical attendant, is little more than is paid to a head servant in a large household establishment.

A Nurses' Trade Union and Central Protection Society run on proper lines is needed, in order that justice may be meted out to the profession.

As soon as a nurse is qualified there must be a minimum salary, both for public institutions and for private cases, and, what is more important, the nurse who is willing to remain in hospital should be paid a salary at least equivalent to that of an outside nurse.

An all-important factor in this issue is the necessity of a closer supervision over many of the private nursing institutions. I have evidence before me where such institutions charge their staff a booking fee of 25 per cent. and are reaping a large income through this method.

LET us not forget the part that these little sisters of mercy played during the titanic struggle of the war, when hundreds of thousands of lives were saved through their skill and affection.

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SCANDALOUS PENSIONS SETTLEMENTS

Cheating the War Heroes

WHEN a man is literally riddled with bullets, and must carry with him to the end of his days visible evidence of his incapacity through service, the quibblings of the Ministry of Pensions are incomprehensible.

We can understand the Ministry or any other public or private institution defending its decisions when it can show reasonable grounds; but when, in the face of worsened circumstances and new evidence, regulations enable it to refuse to reopen a case, we can only say that its decisions would appear to be governed by considerations more mercenary than moral.

We are in a position to produce stacks of letters drafted by officials of the Ministry in terms which, if applied in commercial transactions, would simply be regarded as carefully-worded excuses for avoiding obligations.

A serious error

Two most scandalous cases of Ministerial neglect came before our Special Commissioner when visiting Sheffield recently.

The first concerns ex-Private Herbert Harrison, of 34, Gregory Road, Heeley. This man enlisted in 1914 and served more than three years with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force and also in France. He was discharged unfit for further service in January, 1918.

Two years later he was told that his degree of disablement was too small to entitle him to any further award of pension, and he was given a final gratuity of £32 10s.

Early last year, Harrison had such excruciating pains in the back that he had to consult his doctor. A foreign body located under the flesh turned out to be two pieces of shrapnel, and these were removed.

Harrison was X-rayed, and further pieces, which cannot be got at as they are dangerously near the spine, were discovered.

Relying entirely on medical advice, Harrison, who was a shop-assistant, had to give up his job and accept some lighter work at a lower remuneration.

There is no doubt that a serious error was made in the issue of a paltry final award to this man, but, notwithstanding strong representations from the local pensions committee, headquarters have refused to reopen the case.

As the man's incapacity has increased, we demand that the Minister of Pensions himself shall see that this case is reopened.

Father's sad plight

Even worse is the case of ex-Private George Surr, who lives at House 10, 3 Court, Thomas Street, Sheffield.

Surr enlisted in August, 1914, and, after serving four-and-a-half years in fighting units, including nearly three years in France, was patriotic enough to re-enlist in the R.A.M.C., in which he served in North Russia until finally demobilised in 1919, when he had completed a total of more than five years' service.

He is a widower with four children, whose ages are sixteen, ten, six and four. The eldest, a daughter, is the "little mother" of the household.

Patriotism's reward

Before the war, Surr was a plane-iron striker and bricklayers' labourer. Now he is only fit for a lighter job, if he could find one.

This family of five exists on a total income of 37s., made up of 22s. parish relief and Surr's paltry pension of 12s., with an allowance of 3s. for the girl of ten.

It was only after a struggle that Surr succeeded in getting even the 12s.,

The Rt. Hon. Major G. C. Tryon, M.P., Minister of Pensions, to whom we appeal to give personal consideration to these cases

for in 1921 the Ministry informed him that his disability was too slight to warrant a continuation of pension, and made a final grant of £35.

Through a House of Lords' appeal the following June, the Ministry's decision was overridden and the pension of 12s. per week was again granted.

A terrible prospect

Subsequent developments prove the inadequacy of that sum, but when approached the Ministry took refuge behind the statement that the tribunal's decision is as binding on it as on the man concerned.

Surr was X-rayed, and the photograph shows a piece of shell which is believed to be located in the lung. He has gunshot wounds in the back, collar-bone and chest. Last year he developed neurasthenia.

An application was made for a revision of his case, but this was refused on the grounds that the neurasthenia is a direct sequel to the gunshot wound in the chest and is covered by the existing award of 12s.

We wonder if those responsible for the assessment can tell what proportion of the 12s. is attributable to the possibility of the man becoming neurasthenic, as he has become!

Medical advisers have told Mr. Surr that it is quite conceivable that the piece of shrapnel present in the lung may lead to the most terrible of lung diseases.

Has the Ministry or the tribunal made allowances for that? We hope it is not included in the 12s.

The latest development in the case is that, at the suggestion of the local committee, the man applied for treatment and the Ministry refused the application.

Both these cases call for frank reassessments by the Ministry, and we rely on the Minister himself to see that they are effected.

Inhuman regulations

Blame attaches to the Admiralty also for refusing to admit the claim of Mrs. Gough, widow of Louis John Gough, who as a young man served twelve years in the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

He was invalided out in 1896, but only received a pension for one year, although he suffered with heart trouble until his death in 1924.

In 1914, when he applied for re-enlistment, but unsuccessfully on account of his health, doctors expressed surprise that he was without a pension.

He succeeded in obtaining sixpence per day, and later, in 1921, was granted a special Greenwich Hospita. pension of £12 3s. a year, making a total of £21.

During the last four years of his life his heart was so bad that he had to go into various hospitals and he was unfit for work.

Nevertheless, in 1923, the authorities decided that he was able to contribute to his support in some small degree, whereupon the Admiralty reduced his Greenwich Hospital award to £3 until the following year.

Then it again found him totally incapacitated and increased it to the former rate.

Six months later Gough died, and the *post-mortem* revealed the fact that his heart was of enormous dimensions and his arteries were very much weakened.

Mrs. Gough, who lives at 21, Yeomans Row, Brompton Road, S.W., has tried every conceivable means to obtain the sum deducted for the year 1923-1924, but even her appeal to the King was fruitless. The Admiralty can only tell her that "regulations forbid repayment of the amount in question."

Flouted promises

Although she is now fifty-three, Mrs Gough herself did her bit with the Royal Air Force, and on leaving was complimented both for her conduct and her excellent work.

The flouting of wartime promises made to men and their dependents is everywhere breeding discontent, which will increase until the administration of pensions, both pre-war and post-war, is put on a proper footing.

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by PHILIP INMAN

THE RAGAMUFFIN "DOCTOR"

WHAT held back death's hand and lifted the Great Shadow for the "Little Angel's" brother? Who can tell what mighty powers move in answer to a child's prayer?

IT was in the children's department of my hospital that I first met the "Little Mother of Providence Alley." She was about fifteen, and she was sitting by the side of one of the cots.

Her clothes were loose and ill-fitting, her hair was coarse and shabby, and her face was pale and emaciated.

But her eyes! There was nothing common or ordinary about them. Large and luminous, they seemed to pierce you through and through.

She was gazing upon the prostrate form of a little boy reclining in Cot No. 8. When I approached her, she looked up at me shyly, and in the depths of those wonderful eyes I read the word "anxiety."

"It's my brother," she said simply; "he's only five." Then she asked appealingly, "He's going to get better again, isn't he?"

A trustful hope

I turned from her to the frail little patient; and then I looked at the chart hanging over the cot. It told me more than I wanted to know.

It was a terrible complaint from which he was suffering, and I fear that my response to her plea was a very faint-hearted one.

The child was suffering from a form of meningitis which carries away eight out of every ten.

Whether she saw the unbidden shadow cross my face I know not, but I shall not forget that girl's cry of assurance. "I'm sure he'll get better, because I love him."

Later in the day a middle-aged man called to enquire about the little patient. "I'm his father," he explained. "I've been worrying a bit about him."

The father's pride

I said to him, "And are you the father of that girl sitting by the cot?" I saw a tender look creep into his eyes. "Is my little woman here?" he went on.

I told him that she had never left her brother's bedside all day. "It's just like the kid," he mumbled brokenly. Then, after a minute's pause, he told me this story.

"I lost my missus four years ago—consumption that took her away—and she left me with five young 'uns.

"I'm not in regular work, and I couldn't afford to pay anyone to look after my show; but Elsie, that's my girl, she's been a proper good 'un, and she's took her mother's place fine."

For a minute he was silent, and there was a catch in his voice as he went on tenderly, "The neighbours call her the 'Little Angel'; that's just what she is—a little angel—bless her heart!"

Early the next day my telephone bell rang. I listened for the message with some apprehension. When it came my heart sank. "No. 8 has passed a restless night, and is very poorly indeed."

I went up to the ward, and just outside the doorway I saw the "Little Angel." Almost hysterical, she clutched hold of my arm. "You won't let him die, will you?" she sobbed.

I reminded her of what she had told me the day before. "I'm sure he will get better," she had said. She stopped crying, and a wan smile flitted across her face. "Can I go to him?" she asked, and a minute later she was sitting by his side.

No. 8 had reached that stage when human skill could do little more for him. His recovery—or otherwise—was in the hands of a higher fate. By noon the crisis would be reached, and until then there was nothing to do but stand by.

Nothing to do? I wonder. For when at eleven o'clock that morning I went into the ward I saw the "Little Angel" kneeling by the cot. She was caressing what I first thought was a string of beads, but I saw at the end there was a cross.

The reward of faith

The crisis had passed before I saw her again. She was standing in the entrance-hall waiting for the arrival of her father. I had heard the good news a minute before, but there was no need for me to tell it to her. She knew it already.

All the anxiety had vanished and her eyes shone with the light of understanding and relief. "He's asleep now," she told me, and this time there was no shadow on my face and no hesitancy in my voice as I replied, "Yes, you were right, he will get better after all."

The Sentence of the Court

C.B. FOR THE COLONEL

Transport Minister on Trial

HAVING failed in an attempt to have his case heard by a court-martial, Lieut.-Col. W. Ashley, Minister of Transport, pleaded "Not guilty" to a charge of impeding traffic and failing to get a move on when ordered to do so by public opinion.

"I do not doubt," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "that the accused is a humane man, who deplores as much as does the jury the shocking charabanc accident, resulting in nine deaths, at a level-crossing in Cumberland; but the fact remains that this and similar accidents would have been avoided if his department had heeded numerous warnings regarding the level-crossing menace.

"In these days of fast and constantly increasing road traffic, the level-crossing is a dangerous anachronism, which exists only because of a too-tender regard for the bank accounts of wealthy but, in this respect, irresponsible railway companies.

"Constructed in days when trains were few and road vehicles slow, these death-traps possessed the charm of inexpensiveness; but the toll in human life they have since taken places them among the most costly survivals from the dark ages of road transport."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that every time an accident like that at Naworth occurred a howl was raised for the abolition of level-crossings, which seemed very much like using a shipwreck as an excuse for urging that oceans should be done away with. Instead of putting all the blame on an old-established convenience like the level-crossing, we should reconsider the position of the charabanc.

"The question of exercising greater control over motor-coaches," continued counsel, "has for some time engaged the attention of my client, who intends introducing a Bill embodying new regulations for these juggernauts. Stricter supervision in this respect should go far towards reducing the number of road accidents."

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"The construction of some motor-coaches and the behaviour of some drivers admittedly leave room for improvement," said Mr. Justice Bull; "but the tendency to attribute accidents to the presence on the roads of the 'poor man's motor-car' savours too strongly of highway snobbery.

"Last year 4,000 people were killed on British roads and the recorded casualties reached the huge total of 115,000. Because cheap motor-cars have made 'tooting' common, this is no reason why Kensal Green should become over-populated and every milestone take on the menacing aspect of a potential tombstone.

"Undoubtedly the first step towards reducing the appalling total of road accidents must be the disappearance of the level-crossing. If this is not achieved, the disappearance from public life of the Minister responsible for such neglect should follow automatically.

"The reconstruction which the removal of these death-traps would involve would furnish work for a large number of the unemployed and also for some unemployed bureaucratic minds.

"To enable him to overcome his reluctance to formulate the necessary regulations, Lieut.-Col. Ashley is sentenced to six weeks C.B.—which, in this instance, means 'confinement to business.'"

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

"Here is thieving past believing,
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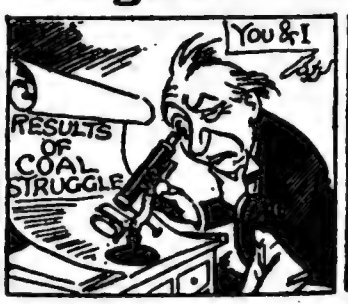

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Tho' first we try the naked eye
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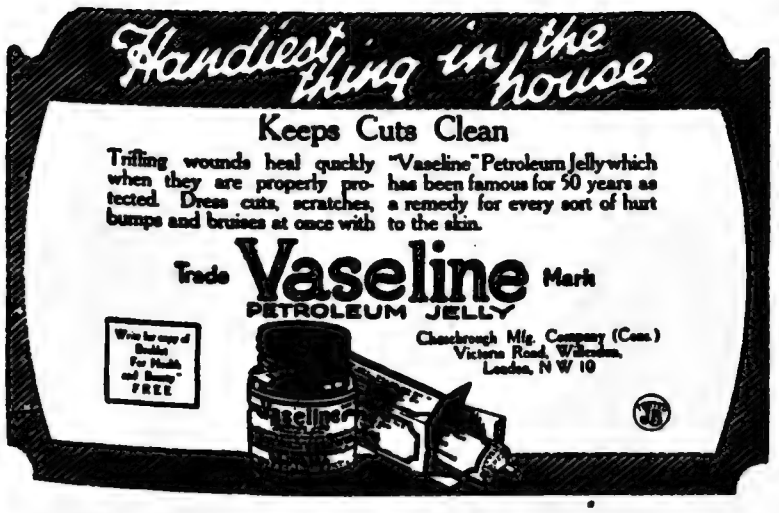
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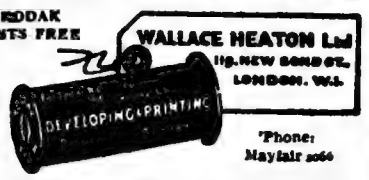

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Words Winged to Women

THE earth is the source of all the raw materials of life, yet in this country it is locked away from the great majority of the people. Men have shirked the task; why should not women take up the great land question and win a way to freedom?

SHADOWS ON THE CORN

by MABEL HORNER

EARLY in the present year a letter reached the offices of this paper which was of general interest. It was written by a woman, and she took up the question of rising wages. It seemed to her that industry is being ruined by forcing up wages regardless of whether employers can pay them or not, and she went on to say:

"In the rural districts this position is already reached. I am a farmer's wife and know what I am talking about. Since the last rise in wages farmers have been employing fewer men from sheer inability to foot the labour bills.

"In consequence the farmer himself has to work from morning until dark, not only every weekday, but the greater part of Sunday, too."

Well, all work on farms is very seasonable, and while good weather lasts there is very little rest on any farm. I have spent long months on busy farms where everybody worked from dawn to dusk, but what joyous, splendid, health-giving work it was!

A vicious system

All the world seemed young in those days. It is difficult to remember that as the years have passed the whole prospect of farming in this country has been growing steadily worse. I fancy this is what my correspondent from a small farm in one of the home counties is trying to put into words.

Again she says: "In spite of all the hours put in, the great majority of farmers have no more to live on than their labourers. Unless they have a naval or other pension, their wives cannot keep a maid (!) and a maid in a farmhouse is not a luxury but a necessity."

Naturally a farm, properly run, needs sufficient helpers. But where my friend goes wrong is in blaming all the farmer's drudgery (I hate that word and never will use it, however hard good work is to do!) to the higher wages.

Wages in the rural districts are still scandalously low, and I cannot see any just reason why the man who drives the horses out to plough is not entitled to a decent standard of living.

What is really wrong is the system of land tenure in this country, the lack of security for tenants, and the terrible cost of any land that has to be bought.

The root of prosperity

It is a national crime that "more and more land is going down to grass" and that fewer workers are being employed.

But the locked land, the closed markets, the neglected opportunities are to blame, not the wages paid to labourers.

For every acre of land going out of cultivation we are by that much made more dependent upon other countries for our food supply. For every villager driven out of his native place to seek occupation we are by that much increasing the terrible overcrowding, congestion and the unemployment problem of the towns.

A country cannot possibly thrive and be healthy unless its people are happily employed and rooted in its soil.

My correspondent speaks of "extremists who wish to drive the farmers off the land and cut it up in plots for labourers."

That is the foolish statement of one who has caught at a few phrases and never troubled to think out the problem.

At the root of all prosperity, in farming, in building, in mining, and in every other industry, lies the land wherein is locked the raw material for working. Therefore the land is the crux round which all industrial and social difficulties revolve and threaten.

"God gave the land for the people" is no silly slogan; it is one of the deepest truths in human history. And the land, in this country, has been filched away from the people. *The land must be freed.*

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A great opportunity

In little Switzerland, in tiny Denmark, and in other countries where land is freely accessible, we see what rural prosperity and comfort can really mean.

A very short study and a brief comparison with conditions in this country would set the ball of reform fully rolling.

Men of whatever party have hitherto shirked the task. Women, if they understood, might be more courageous. They might even agree to sink every other political difference and work for freeing the soil from the crushing burden of landlordism.

A Shameful Surrender

By DORA RUSSELL *(Mrs. Bertrand Russell)*

THE Labour Party brass-hats have decreed that birth control shall not be discussed at the Labour Conference this year! Yet the Labour Party claims to be the party of progress, of democracy and of sex equality.

The Labour Women's Conference is a body of genuine working women, nearly all of them mothers who have reared their own families.

Twice have they vehemently demanded that the next time their Party is in power the ban placed by the Ministry of Health on the giving of birth-control information should be lifted.

The first time was in 1924, and their passing of the resolution by 1,000 votes to 8 was practically a vote of censure on Mr. Wheatley, who as Labour Minister of Health had refused what was asked.

THE Labour women did not ask their Party to use its platform to do propaganda in favour of birth control itself, but only to promise to make information available in a proper and scientific way.

But the executive was afraid. It feared to be pilloried at election times as the Party of free-love and irreligion, if it passed this simple request for justice and humanity to suffering women. It chose, therefore, at Liverpool in 1925 to insult its own ardent women supporters by a recommendation refusing to accept birth control as a political party question.

Considering that the question would not have become political at all if the Labour Minister of Health had not asked for the authority of Parliament before he would act, this was simply dishonest.

WOMEN delegates moved against the executive's recommendation; the chairman shut down the debate when more than half the conference wanted it continued; the spokesman of the executive—a woman, more shame to her—tried to pretend that we wanted to force everyone to do birth-control propaganda and to have the State interfere in private lives.

Thus the executive forced through its recommendation by a narrow majority of 700,000 votes, 1,053,000 votes being cast against it. This was its recommendation, designed to set itself free from having to do anything:

"That the subject of birth control is in its nature not one which should be made a political party issue, but should remain a matter upon which members of the Party should be free to hold and promote their individual convictions."

Astute politicians, they were determined to have no debate on the direct resolution concerning the Ministry of Health.

This year we return to the charge. I have been entrusted with a resolution which, amongst others, points out that the House of Lords, in passing Lord Buckmaster's motion, has actually carried, against the wishes of the present Government, the very demand that Labour women are making.

In that debate the Archbishop of Canterbury himself did not condemn birth control as a practice. But the House of Lords is too revolutionary for the Labour Party.

So the executive recommends that "having sufficiently declared the Party's policy," it leaves the nasty subject alone. The mines, agriculture, foreign affairs, which are discussed every year, will have their place on the agenda, but birth control, which is the crying question for all married working women, is to be cut out.

It will support the miners' right to seven hours only of his dangerous toil, but will stifle the voice of his wife, whose hours are longer and whose toil is more dangerous than his.

MINING is men's most dangerous trade; yet the death-rate of working mothers from fatal accidents in childbirth is six or seven times as great as the mortality from fatal accidents in the mines.

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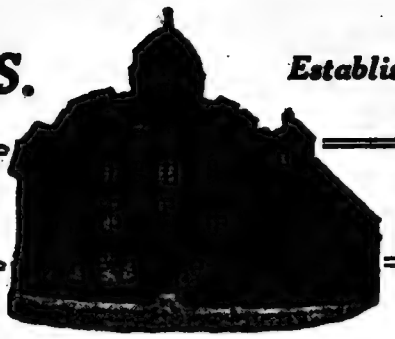

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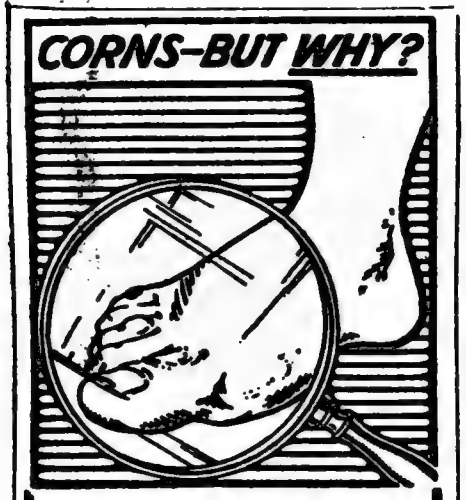

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"A FEW years ago I was deserted by my husband and left to face the world with three boys, the youngest of whom was only a few weeks old.

Bad Boy's Future

"When the eldest boy reached eight years of age, I found that he was already showing signs of the same character as his father. He was a liar and a thief and I had to put him into a special school.

"While he was at home with me recently for a holiday he stole money which I had put aside to pay the rent, and he had not been back at the school a week before I was informed that he had been taking things out of pockets in the staff cloakroom.

"I know the lad and I fear that he will continue to display the same traits as his father, and now that he has been found out in his wrongdoing, he may just go from bad to worse.

"Though I love him, I begin to dread the time, not long now, when he will have to face the world. I cannot help wondering whether I may not have to tell him that as soon as he is sixteen he will have to stand by himself and bear the punishment for any wrong he may do.

"I cannot face the prospect of having to go through again with my son what I went through with his father."

"HUMANIST" says: *I think you may rest assured that the authorities of the school will do their best with your boy. When he is no longer under their control he must, of course, take the responsibility for his own actions, but you should never allow him to feel that he cannot come back to his mother for sympathy and encouragement, however far he may slip on the downward path.*

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"I RECEIVED rather a severe shock a year or so ago, as a result of which I became rather indifferent regarding the future, and I commenced to dabble in speculations which have left me in 'Queer Street.'

Confidence in Courtship

"In the neighbourhood in which I live I have the reputation of being a man of some substance, and I have hitherto contrived to keep up appearances so that no one should know that I am in any way financially embarrassed.

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"The gambling fever having got hold of me, I have endeavoured to recuperate my position by further speculation, but ill-fortune seems to dog my footsteps, and I now find that my savings are almost exhausted.

"How am I to explain matters to my fiancée? I do not wish her to start married life sharing a burden of debt and anxiety. On the contrary, my only desire is that she should share the good things of life with me.

"Should I tell her how I am placed and risk the breaking-off of the engagement, or should I say nothing and trust to luck to retrieve my financial position before our wedding-day arrives?"

"HUMANIST" says: *There can be only one answer to such a question. You should tell the girl you hope to marry exactly how you are placed. Complete mutual confidence is the best foundation for happiness in married life, and a couple cannot start too early in their courtship to share each other's worries as well as pleasures.*

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The Burden of a Lie

"He has been abroad for some time, but a year or so ago, while he was at home on leave, he stayed with her at her lodgings and, in order to avoid a scandal, she foolishly announced to her workmates that she was married to him.

"As the matter was talked about at her place of business, she found it necessary to give support to her statement by having her insurance cards altered into her supposed married name.

"She has recently removed to another branch of the establishment where she has encountered a girl who knows of the deception which she practised, and this girl is threatening to tell, not only her employers, but also the man whose name she has falsely used.

"How can she find a way out of such a dilemma?"

"HUMANIST" says: *The best thing she can do is to make a clean breast of the deception to the insurance officials and to her employers. They will probably treat her considerately if she makes a voluntary confession, but she might find herself liable to penalties for misrepresentation if it should be necessary for her to claim benefit and it should be discovered that she is not what she sets herself out to be.*

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Father or Mother

"My mother was compelled to obtain a separation order from my father on account of his cruelty, and she is receiving maintenance from him and living with me. She has asked me whether she may bring to the house a man with whom she seems to be getting very intimate, and I find it hard to decide whether my duty is towards my mother or my father."

"Humanist" says: *Your mother would have no right to maintenance from your father if she did not preserve her chastity. You should point this out to her and urge it as a reason for refusing to comply with her request. You would not like your father to call you as a witness against your mother, which he might do if he felt so inclined.*

Brotherly Love

"I have a sister who has got herself into trouble in spite of many warnings. I told her that, if she disgraced me, I would disown her. I have trouble enough of my own, but she seems to think I ought to help her."

"Humanist" says: *Why should you disown your sister when she is in such distress, even if it is largely her own fault? If she cannot rely upon your sympathy and help now, she might as well have no brother at all. Your own troubles are no excuse for hardening your heart.*

Two Solutions

"Please tell me what a husband can do when his wife runs away from home and her children and goes to live with another man."

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Dear Students,

I have just come back from my holiday; after a year of very hard work I needed it, and as fishing is very restful to the mind and body, I make that my Holiday Hobby.

Now that I and my staff (there are now 151 of us) are "back to work" at the College, my mind jumps automatically to my other Hobby, which is the welfare and progress of The Bennett College Students.

As the holiday season is now over, I want you to follow my example and get back to your studies with the determination that you will be a credit to your College and to yourselves.

Most of all I beg you not to forget that I and all the staff are always anxious to give you every possible help, advice and encouragement.

Yours very sincerely,

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Our Letter Parliament

The Church and the Man

The Food Scandal—A Workers' Paradise—Sleepy Railways

THE article by the Rev. F. L. Jennings on "The Church's Great Blunder" is, indeed, an eloquent commentary on present-day religion. Religion as at present practised is a failure, owing to its becoming highly commercialised. We cannot have a dual belief, in a spiritual God and a God of Mammon, because one is the negation of the other.—*Mark Landon, London, N.*

"We are . . . Divided"

The failure of the Church's influence for the good of humanity is largely attributable to the fact that it is not united in its own constitution. Until all the present forms of religion are welded into one united whole, with a common objective, the Church will continue to stagnate and be of little value to its adherents.—*H. C., Warminster.*

Friends of Mammon

I left the Church, after some years of devoted service, because of the extreme apathy towards all the vital matters which concern the welfare of the masses. My experience was that large numbers of the ministers were afraid of getting into the bad books of the moneyed members. All honour to the few fearless men like your contributor.—*Ex-Churchman, Surrey.*

Coats Off!

It is over-theorising that discredits the Church in the eyes of the public. The white surplice business, and so much holding forth in the pulpit, have got the public "fed up." Instead, ministers should remove their coats, roll up their shirt-sleeves, and get right down to their congregations' troubles, and use practical, as well as vocal, effort to remove them. Then religion would become a living force instead of a symbol.—*H. B., Steyning.*

The Unbelieving Church

If the Churches were as united to end social injustice as they were in the "war to end war" a big move would take place for the healing of the wounds of humanity. It may seem hard to say so, but the Churches simply do not believe the gospel they are preaching. The Churches have urged men to die for a cause. Will they send out a clarion call for men to live for a cause?—(*Rev.*) *Fred A. Jarman, Goring-on-Thames.*

Lend a Hand!

There are many who make the Church's shortcomings an excuse for their non-attendance at any place of worship. But when will the great body of men who never darken a church door realise that by taking no active part on the side of good against evil they themselves are partly responsible for the Church's defection? Either one must be for or against religion and every man who likes to be thought, if not called, a Christian ought to get inside the Church and do what he can to help on the good work.—*Churchgoer, Scotland.*

What Would Happen?

If anything goes wrong on earth, we blame the Church; if the Church interferes in anything it thinks is wrong, it is told to mind its own business. Who is to decide? But the following incident is worth recording. Two men in Manchester were engaged in conversation. One said to the other, "I wonder what would happen if Christ came to Manchester?" (its social, seamy, and slum life was being discussed). The other answered the question by asking another, "I wonder what would happen if Manchester came to Christ?"—*Layman, Lancashire.*

Brief to-the-point letters not exceeding 100 words are invited. 5s. is paid for each letter published. Name and address essential not necessarily for publication. Envelopes must be marked "Letter Parliament."

Reform from Within

It is refreshing to read the Rev. F. L. Jennings' condemnation of the Church, but why not, as a member of that Church, try and get it firmly established on a Christian basis? While it is controlled by people whose interest it is to keep things as they are, it will never be a power in the lives of the masses.—*E. A. G., Tottenham.*

Poultry Poison

At the last meeting of the National Poultry Council a resolution was adopted that some steps should be taken to exclude birds with contagious diseases from being exposed for sale in public markets. After all the talk about cancer, etc., local authorities have no power on their own initiative to inspect diseased poultry offered for sale. Let us have at once compulsory inspection of all marketable stock.—*A. N., Birmingham.*

How Is It Done?

In an advertisement for Ford motor-cars in JOHN BULL of August 28, it is said that the men who are employed in making the cars are paid a minimum wage of £6 12s. for a full forty-four hour week. It is quite a treat to read of some workers getting a living wage. Judging from the flourishing condition of the Ford Motor Co., it is obvious that good wages pay in the long run. But how is it done? Perhaps Mr. Ford could institute classes for employers to teach them.—*Gregory Goodman, London, S.E.*

The Singapore Folly

The decision of Japan to confine the emigration of her people to lands within her own domain effectively disposes of the last pretext for any further expenditure on the Singapore base, and the contrast with our own policy in that matter is an ironic commentary on our Western contempt for the inferior civilisations of the East. The war-mongers will doubtless see in it merely a wily move of the slim Oriental to lull our suspicions to sleep. It is up to us to press another moral home.—*W. J. Downie, Acton.*

Printers' Pie

(*Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie."*)

"BANFFSHIRE ADVERTISER":—"Two of them are TWINS aged SIX and EIGHT."

"ALNWICK & COUNTY GAZETTE":—"Recipé: MOISTEN two level teaspoonfuls of WATER."

"UNION JACK":—"Fortunately for him, the STOUT rope held, in spite of its THINNESS."

"OLDHAM CHRONICLE":—"There is only one clock in Oldham that is RIGHT and that is the church clock, and it is FIVE MINUTES FAST."

"THE CHAMPION":—"The outlaws were gone, and with them, without much doubt, had gone 70,000 out of the NINETY dollars."

"SHEFFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH":—"He was fined £7-10s. and his licence was SUSPECTED for twelve months."

"GRANTHAM JOURNAL": — "The bridesmaids wore champagne crepe-de-chene dresses, trimmed with BLUE-BLACK HATS."

An Officer's Thanks

I wish to tender, on behalf of all retired regular ranker officers, retired under article 572A (Royal Warrant), 1914, my sincere thanks for the article published by you; and I hope it will be the beginning of getting a revision of pension and gratuities in the near future.—*Lieut. T. E. Noble, M.C., M.M., London.*

Keep Up the Stream!

Not the least interesting part of JOHN BULL is the column devoted to "The Greatest of These . . . ." It speaks volumes for the kindness of heart of your readers who keep up the stream of subscriptions week after week, year after year. I know no other paper with such a record.—*Barton Gates, Gloucester.*

Selfish Slogans

We are commended to "Eat more fish," "Eat more fruit"—mere selfish slogans. The buyers' rings see to it that the consumer does not get "more" fish or "more" fruit, for then they would be cheaper. The whole business of auctioning food is a scandal, as it tends to keep supplies shorter than the demand, thus keeping up the cost and lining buyers' pockets.—*Economist, Thornton.*

What the Surgeon Said

When in conversation with a surgeon recently, I asked him to tell me his candid opinion what is the outstanding cause of appendicitis and ulcerated stomachs. He replied, "Adulteration of food is a big item, bread especially, also the use of chemical fertilisers used for cultivation." JOHN BULL must continue its splendid work in fighting for pure food for the masses.—*L. B., Surrey.*

Wake Up, Railways!

Road competition is responsible for much of the loss of revenue deplored by our railway companies, but it is difficult to understand why a 5-ton lorry should be able to compete in carriage rate with a goods train of hundreds of tons. Much loss has also been occasioned in holiday traffic through motor competition. In my own case—one of thousands—my family of five travelled in a hired car 180 miles at less than the railway tourist fares. —*J. J. A., Birmingham.*

Episcopal Cement

Dr. Ingram, Bishop of London, said at the centenary celebration at Ottawa, "The fact that Englishmen and Frenchmen were working side by side and getting along in a cordial manner should be an example to the world." Those politicians at home and in Canada who are continually prating about annexation and the coming split between the French and English in the Dominion should ponder the Bishop's words. He is a true politician, for his policy is to bind together the two peoples who constitute the real bulwark of Canada.—*F. B., Ontario.*

Can We Trust It?

Mr. E. Hoffe Thompson seems to attack both ways, when he states the miners' cause, for he shows in a mild way how the miner is shamefully treated by the coal-owner, and then he is in favour of the Government ballot to really get to know the men's mind. Fancy a Government ballot, fancy trusting this Government to count miners' votes, when it has passed an Eight Hours' Act to throw the miners' conditions back seven years, and has thereby prolonged the lockout, ruined British trade, and caused untold suffering to innocent men, women and children.—*J. F., Starsmore, Woodhouse.*

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Radio Notes

Radio Prices Down

Olympia in Full Swing

by **W. R. DOUGLAS SHAW**

A TOUR of the two hundred stands at the National Radio Exhibition, now in full swing at Olympia, impresses one with the fact that broadcasting is firmly established as an essential factor in our everyday life.

Two years ago, for instance, who would have expected that to-day at Olympia there would be exhibited apparatus for television? Yet, on the stand where Osram valves are shown, you can examine the Baird television apparatus in all its detail.

Last week, in addition to referring to a few of the thousands of interesting exhibits, I mentioned that the leading valve manufacturers have lately reduced their prices, owing to the increased demand for British valves at home and abroad. Similar price reductions are apparent in other directions.

TAKE portable sets. It is not many months ago that, in contemplating the purchase of a portable set, one expected to pay at least £20, yet there is now available an excellent single-valve portable—the "Pelican"—for £10.

Twenty pounds to-day goes much further in radio than it did. For that sum one can acquire the M.H. seven-valve supersonic set shown on Stand 142.

A new "¼-watt" group of Ediswan valves comprises a full range in the 2-volt 1 amp. class. Simplicity of construction, to promote long life, is the keynote.

It will be news, perhaps, to many readers to know that some of the largest engineering firms in the country—firms which in normal times employ 10,000 men and women—now regard their radio and valve departments as being of first importance.

B.T.H. headphones, last year costing £1, can now be purchased for 15s., and the excellent C2 loud-speaker, produced by the same firm, now costs only £3 instead of £5. This company is showing an ingenious new cone-type reproducer with a non-metallic diaphragm.

ONE of the neatest and most compact single-valve sets is the Edison Bell "Don," priced at £2 10s.

The "Brandola" loud-speaker, formerly £4 10s., is now reduced to £3 15s.

"Marconiphone" receivers and "Sterling" loud-speakers are all being produced at reduced prices.

The famous "Polar-Twin" receiver sets, made by the Radio Communication Co., are now marketed at £4.

"Amplion" loud-speakers of world-wide renown can be seen at prices ranging from 38s. upwards.

A permanent detector—the "Wave-length"—I noticed at 6d.

"Exide" batteries, both L.T. and H.T., are shown in glass, and there are special unspillable types for portable receivers. Special exhibitions of "Exide" batteries will be held in all provincial towns from September 20 to September 25.

If only the enterprise and activity with which the radio industry is particularly imbued could be discerned in all other branches of human endeavour—statesmanship included!—the spectre of unemployment would not still be with us.

The exhibition will remain open until Saturday, September 18, from 10.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day. Go to Olympia!

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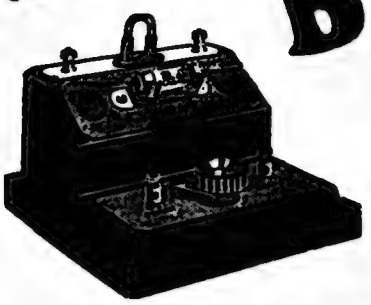

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The Coming of the "Tote"

Winston's Plans for Betting Machines—A Stable to Watch—Dawson and the Cesarewitch—Ptolemy May Turn Up

IS the course bookmaker doomed? Shall we before very long have to go to the sea-shore or to the lion-house at the Zoo if we want to hear real old-fashioned roaring?

The "Tote" is Coming.

For the "tote" is coming to English race-courses. The farcical betting-tax cannot live long in its present form, and it is an open secret that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has his plans all cut-and-dried for the introduction of a State-controlled betting machine on Continental lines, should his tax prove the wash-out that all the experts predict.

Will the Bookie Go?

The problem that remains is, Will bookmakers be allowed to operate on race-courses in opposition to the "tote," or will they be limited to credit transactions conducted by post and telephone? If the machines supplant bookmakers on our courses we shall miss the roar of the ring and the merry backchat of the men who lay the odds, but we shall gain greater comfort and better prices at the meetings.

The "Tote" and the Book.

Big professional backers may grouse, although racing men in France have proved by experience that the "tote" returns better prices than their bookmakers, but the small punter who loves to nibble at outsiders will smile broadly when he gets sixty, seventy or even a hundred and forty to one instead of the present "hundred-to-eight others."

Bookmakers are Needed.

We can't do without the bookies, of course. Starting-price offices are essential, for the great majority of backers only visit a racecourse on rare occasions, and if they can't bet legally they are quite content to break the law. But, so far as our race-meetings are concerned, I for one will welcome the "tote." Only I hope an exception will be made in the case of Epsom. A Derby without bookies would be like a saltless egg.

The Satrap's Mishap.

I had hoped to see The Satrap prove at Doncaster that his second race at Goodwood was an error of judgment on the part of his connections, but a split pastern has put the grey son of The Tetrarch on the shelf for the rest of the season.

Tetrarch Horses.

The grey belongs to Major Dermot McCalmont, and the popular Irish sportsman might be termed a lucky unlucky owner. Seldom a year goes by but we have another smashing son of The Tetrarch—sometimes several—but they have never yet won a Derby.

1,300 Guineas as a Yearling.

The major accepted The Tetrarch from Atty Persse for 1,300 guineas, and although he was a queer-looking customer, all angles and rocking-horse spots, he was one of the biggest bargains ever struck. He had to be relegated to the stud after his first season owing to his week forelegs, but before that he had made his name as the fastest two-year-old which has ever run.

Three St. Leger Sons.

It is rather remarkable that, although he is noted for his flying sons and daughters, three of his offspring—Salmon Trout, Polemarch and Caligula—have won the Leger, a race which demands true stayers. It is still more remarkable to record the fact that if the Irish veterinary surgeon who cast a longing eye at The Tetrarch before he passed into Atty Persse's hands had had his offer of 500 guineas accepted, The Satraps and other little Tetrarchs would not be romping about to-day. The vet. intended to geld the Rocking Horse and put him to jumping.

The Doncaster Lucky Bag.

All the rich racing-folk who can afford to indulge their fancies will be bidding against each other at the Doncaster sales this week. Thousands of pounds will be thrown away and other thousands well invested, for in the great yearling lotteries a little luck is better than all the skill in the world. It was at Doncaster that the mighty Voltigeur, subsequent winner of the Derby and St. Leger, was offered for sale as a yearling and failed to reach his reserve of a hundred guineas!

Watch Dawson.

R. Dawson, the Whatcombe trainer, has had a lean season to date, but from now on it should pay to give particular attention to anything that he runs. Two to note are Moti Mahal and Dark Japan. The last-named had extremely good form in France prior to running in the Grand Prix, in which race most of the horses were carried off their legs by the speedy Apelle. It is just possible that Dark Japan may have won the Prince Edward Handicap before these lines appear, but I think it more probable that the Cesarewitch is his real objective.

Ptolemy II.

This bogey horse has just won a good race at Ostend when connections had come to the conclusion that he was a hopeless proposition. They are still bent on trying their luck in the Cambridgeshire, and although the handicapper has not been very kind, the horse is well up to big weights and might win if condescending to do his best. I shall deal more fully with the race next week and advise a waiting policy meanwhile.

Will Tommy Top the List?

At a dinner following the Leeds donkey Derby, Steve Donoghue predicted that Tommy Weston would still head the list of winning jockeys at the end of the season. Jockeys are notoriously bad tipsters, but I fancy that Steve's prophecy will be fulfilled all right. Tommy Weston is riding at his very best just now, and although there is small chance of his riding the coveted hundred winners this season, I think he will have little difficulty in retaining the clear lead that he holds at present.

Tommy Weston, who is well ahead in the list of winning jockeys.

A Projected Coup.

Masked Ruler should be watched closely in the St. Leger, for the running of the horse there will be the best guide to his Cesarewitch chance. Whatever happens to the horse in these two races, business is meant with him.

"SILVER RING."

FOR YOUR NOTE-BOOK

ULULA.—The old City and Sub. winner, if he keeps sound, will be the medium of a selling-plate gamble before the season ends.

SWEET LAVENDER.—Just missed winning for the code at 8 to 1, but her turn should not be long delayed.

KNICKERBOCKER.—One of Wootton's that has been very highly tried.

REPERTOIRE.—Should pick up a handicap before the season ends.

DIGNITY.—One of the best-looking horses in training. If his recent easy win had improved his temper he should put up a sequence of successes.

TABENNITE.—Two stable gambles have come unstuck over this one of Easterbee's, but—"third time lucky."

ROIDORE.—A most unlucky loser last time out. Follow him from now on.

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers:—

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, September 8, to Tuesday, September 14.

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3 AWAY.—Bolton, Celtic, St. Mirren.

3 DRAWS.—Leeds v. Derby, Doncaster v. Chesterfield, Crystal Palace v. Bristol City.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Newcastle, Manchester City, Glasgow Rangers, Newport, St. Mirren.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—West Ham, Celtic, Tottenham v. Huddersfield.

FORECASTS FOR SEPTEMBER 18.

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THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Blackpool, Clapton, Fulham, Middlesbrough, Notts Co., Port Vale, Swansea.

AWAY WINNERS.—Chelsea, Manchester City.

DRAWS.—Grimsby v. Portsmouth, Southampton v. Preston.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—Barrow, Crewe, Hartlepools, Rochdale, Stockport.

AWAY WINNERS.—Bradford, Tranmere, Wigan.

DRAWS.—Ashington v. Doncaster, Chesterfield v. Stoke, Nelson v. Rotherham.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—Bournemouth, Bristol City, Charlton, Luton, Newport, Northampton, Plymouth, Southend.

AWAY WINNERS.—Millwall, Swindon.

DRAW.—Norwich v. Exeter.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Airdrie, Celtic, Dunfermline, Partick, St. Mirren.

AWAY WINNERS.—Dundee, Glasgow Rangers.

DRAWS.—Dundee United v. Clyde, St. Johnstone v. Falkirk.

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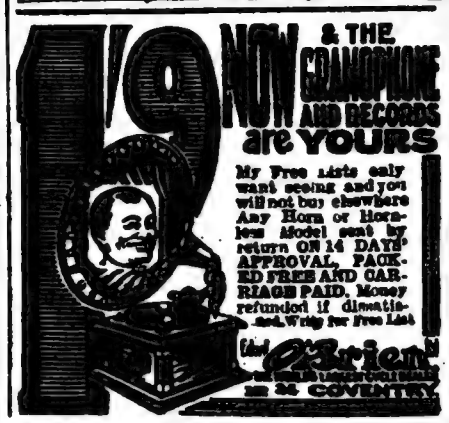

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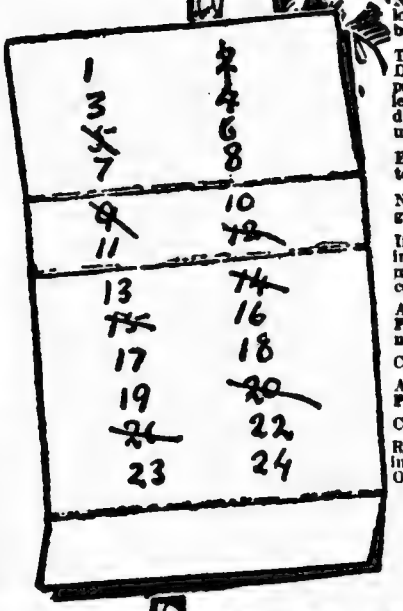

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JOHN BULL *Replies*

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

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L. N. (Retford).—"What do you think of the article I am enclosing?" We will lose no time in reading it.

K. C. (Banbury).—"I have the Ten Commandments beautifully illuminated on silk." Mind you keep them.

R. O. D. (Filey).—"My doctor says he won't believe in the existence of a soul till he sees one." Has he ever seen an ache?

S. S. (W. Hartlepool).—"My wife gave me a new carpet for my birthday. What should I give her?" A pair of slippers—your size.

R. A. (Grangemouth).—"Though my hair is quite grey my moustache is dark." Well, it's younger by twenty years or so, isn't it?

C. G. (Bow).—"Our parson shouted to me as I was entering a public-house, but I pretended not to hear." Hadn't you the price of two on you?

N. C. (Mortlake).—"Do you think it is wise to discourage children from asking questions?" Certainly—if you don't happen to know the answers.

A. P. (Middlesbro').—"My boss actually threatened to sack me and a colleague because we made jokes in the office." He seems in danger of losing his wits.

S. F. (Richmond).—"Why does a man who doesn't take holidays always express such contempt for all who do?" To show that he has no use for the rest.

G. N. (Peterborough).—"Our preacher last Sunday had to cycle ten miles and was wet through when he entered the pulpit." Was he dry when he got there?

L. D. (Stockwell).—"The sugar our grocer sells is as bad as ever, though he is always promising an improvement." We're afraid his promises are founded on sand.

B. C. Z. (Maidstone).—"Our cook was very insolent when my wife complained that the hash she made was tasteless." She seems to have supplied the sauce a bit too late.

T. T. (Southend).—"Because I am deaf in one ear I was excused from duty as a juryman." Quite right. How could you give a just verdict after hearing only one side?

J. W. (Gravesend).—"My next-door neighbour, a fanatical vegetarian, is always trying to convert me against my will." Tell him you wouldn't join his movement for nuts.

L. C. (Brighton).—"If all the pennies in the world were collected and divided every man, woman and child would receive thirty-six." Are you counting in the bent one we carry for luck?

CISSIE D. (Northampton).—"My fiancé fought in several big battles in the Great War, but was never wounded." We wish him the same wonderful luck in his present engagement.

MISS O. (Brixton).—"He says he'll love me for ever and ever." Ah men!

A. R. H. (Strand).—"We Americans are a hundred per cent. pep per person." Per-haps.

K. L. E. (Nottingham).—"How old is Winston Churchill?" Old enough to know better.

B. J. C. (Edmonton).—"If I could succeed in swimming the Channel, what, after all, should I get?" Wet.

MAISIE (Balham).—"Which is the quickest route from Balham to Park Lane?" Via a popular beauty chorus.

S. I. (Hammersmith).—"An ancestor of mine fought at Hastings." Did the magistrate grant him the option?

C. R. (Cirencester).—"When is Independence Day?" The day you hear you've won the *Bullets* £2,000 we're offering this week.

J. G. (Farnham).—"All future wars will be fought up in the air." That's no excuse for leaving the peace hanging up there.

STUDENT (Biggleswade).—"Blue, for instance, has a very sobering effect on some people." Especially when worn by a policeman.

MISS G. (Pontefract).—"We hope to have a sale of work in our parish shortly." Heavens! Has it come to *selling* work now?

MRS. N. (Norwich).—"I refuse to worry over any trouble I can't see." It's evident you never had a dead rat under your floor boards!

G. G. (Nelson).—"The British working people are a great disappointment." Especially to Communists and other noisy sections of the community.

J. C. (Golders Green).—"Broadcasting beats both telegraphy and telephoning for spreading news quickly." And "I tell you this confidentially!" beats the lot.

E. L. (Lancaster).—"Lack of money, which after all is the root of happiness, is my trouble." Maybe if you put in a bit of spadework you'll come across a few roots.

JESSIE (Birmingham).—"I am coming up to town next week to look round and buy some fashionable clothes." Fashionable clothes won't fit you if you look very round.

W. D. N. (Holbeck).—"I am undecided whether to train my son for the Church or medicine." You don't know whether to let him preach without practising or practice without preaching.

H. A. L. (Balham).—"I was able to see the whole of the test match, because I had hurt my hand and couldn't write." Our office-boy got away on the grounds that he wanted to swim the Channel.

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R. J. (Mickleton).—"I enclose a funny story." You didn't.

L. T. (Streatham).—"England has the Ashes." And Australia the sackcloth.

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T. C. (Chelsea).—"Bed is just a habit." Easy to get into and hard to get out of.

J. B. (Margate).—"The coal stoppage has made me think." Well, it has achieved something, then.

A. Y. (Amersham).—"What do you do first when overhauling a motor-car?" Make your own car go faster.

B. C. T. (Hayford).—"Can you advise me regarding insects which are attacking my beans?" Watch and spray.

S. C. (Featherstone).—"I should like to know the exact meaning of the term 'National pride.'" National "side!"

V. A. A. (St. Leonards).—"My sister says she intends to marry money." Then she certainly means to court disaster.

T. B. (Elbury).—"I'll never read your paper again." We'll wager you look at this number to see your decision in print.

T. H. P. (Edinburgh).—"Can a wooden leg cause pain?" Yes, when wielded as a club by a hefty gentleman.

H. A. M. (Stokesley).—"I went as lady's-maid to a mistress who was a slave-driver." Then you were not a lady's maid.

T. R. (Bradford).—"My two-year-old baby has a strong sense of humour." What you think are giggles may be gurgles.

L. N. (Overton).—"I sang to my audience for four hours." Then, we suppose, you were glad to put it back in its cradle.

M. D. (Clerkenwell).—"If a girl says she is seventeen and said the same thing two years ago what is she now?" Untruthful.

MRS. V. S. (Rochester).—"My children won't take their medicine from anybody but their grandmother." Does her hand shake?

E. M. P. (Gateshead).—"My first is a tyrant, my second a detective, my third——" Talking about the tax-collector, aren't you?

S. D. (East Lynn).—"My boss offered me an interest in his business last week." Did he threaten to sack you if you didn't take it?

T. Y. (Ampthill).—"What is your definition of an optimist?" A man who goes out to buy a copy of JOHN BULL on a Thursday.

T. W. (Chepstow).—"My high notes are always applauded." We have noticed that they generally come at the end of the song.

M. C. (Barnsley).—"It would be a good thing if the coal dispute threw people back to burning wood." There's no fuel like the old fuel.

MISS P. G. (Golders Green).—"Would you like me to call and take you for a ride in my new two-seater?" It seems an opportunity to be embraced!

MRS. J. (Chester).—"His teeth are always aching and I tell him I would have them out if they were mine." Probably he would too if they were yours.

SWEET SIXTEEN (Lewes).—"Since I started smoking cigarettes my fingers have become very stained." You should wait until you get a little holder.

M. R. T. (Bedford).—"What constitutes real middle age?" The period when you have frequent occasion to try and remember what it was you ate yesterday.

M. E. (Hereford).—"My daughter has only been on the stage for two years, yet her picture is constantly appearing in the papers." What brand of face-powder does she favour?

MRS. D. N. (Greenwich).—"I asked a 'bus conductor if he went to Cricklewood and he shouted 'Outside only!' and pushed me off." You should have asked where the inside went.

S. L. O. (Ostend).—"As you see, I am writing from Ostend, where I am recuperating." Careless people, these foreign postal officials. They cancelled the stamp with the *Southend* postmark.

MARY L. (Leeds).—"I wonder in such a mundane world why I grew up with such an artistic temperament." Possibly because your parents never discovered it until it was too late to spank you!

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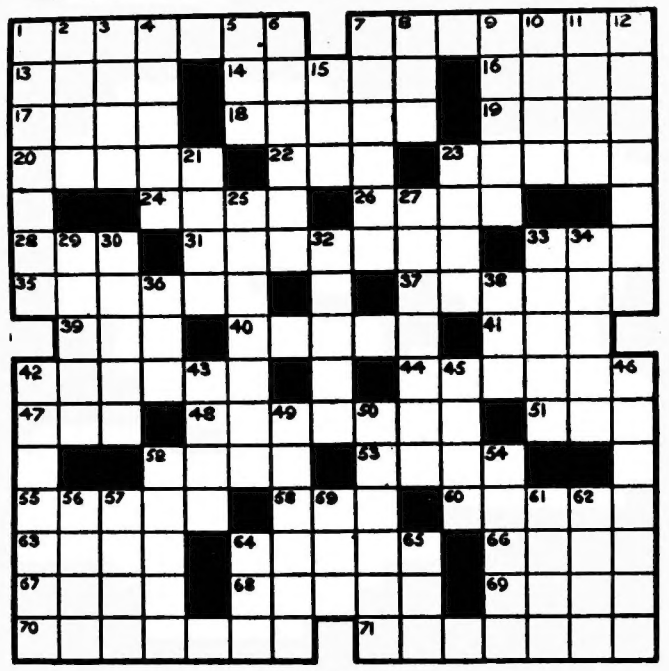

CLUES ACROSS

1. Finished.
7. A plug.
13. Form of transport.
14. Pertaining to one who denied the Divinity of Christ.
16. To press.
17. Celtic language.
18. Grubby.
19. Minute opening in the skin.
20. Smooth and glossy.
22. Favoured animal.
23. Mulcted.
24. Nickname of Greek ex-king.
26. Spoken.
28. Terminal.
31. Wearisome.
33. Feminine pronoun.
35. A crown.
37. Announced.
39. Antelope.
40. Relieves.
41. Gained.
42. Vacation.
44. Water-surrounded land.
47. Part of the verb "to be."
48. Generous.
51. A sailor.
52. Poetic inspiration.
53. Immediately.
55. Good quality.
58. To chatter.
60. Under.
63. Egg-shaped.
64. Brown colour.
66. Strap of a bridle.
67. Narrow tract of land.
68. Aquatic carnivorous animal.
69. Ornamental vessel.
70. Central figure in sensational French case.
71. Immersed.

CLUES DOWN

1. Forced.
2. Nobleman.
3. Ascend.
4. Collection of ships.
5. Low fellow.
6. Three-legged stand.
7. Military display.
8. One indefinitely.
9. Scholar.
10. Metal.
11. A monster.
12. Upset.
15. Wrath.
21. Bird of the falcon family.
23. Speedy.
25. Just retribution.
27. A Slav.
29. West African river.
30. To move to a tune.
32. Offspring.
33. The ermine in its summer fur.
34. A hair-dye.
36. Owed.
38. Boring tool.
42. Famous opera.
43. A slattern.
45. Muddy land.
46. Suffocated in water.
49. Produces.
50. Dog disease.
52. Soft.
54. Courage.
56. Always.
57. Speed contest.
59. Liable.
61. Jump.
62. French Department.
64. French coin.
65. Skill.

The solution to last week's Cross-word Puzzle is on page 2.

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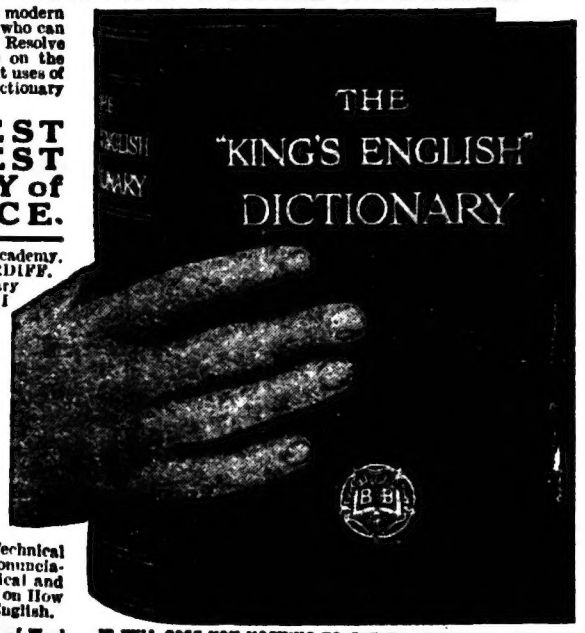

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